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Preface

Read This First

About This Manual

This book tells you how to use the TMS320C54x C source debugger with the emulator to test and refine your code.

There are two debugger environments: the basic debugger environment and the profiling environment.

- The basic debugger environment is a general-purpose debugging environment. You can use standard data-management commands and run-type commands to test and evaluate your code.
- The profiling environment is a special environment for collecting statistics about code execution. You can use the profiling environment to identify areas in your code where you want to improve performance.

In addition to the debugger environment in the emulator version of the debugger, you can use the parallel debug manager (PDM). The PDM allows you to control and coordinate multiple debuggers, giving you the flexibility and power to debug your entire application for your multiprocessing system. The PDM and its functions and features are described in this book.

Before you use this book, you should install the C source debugger and any necessary hardware.

This book is meant to be used with the online help included with the C source debugger. The online help provides you with information about the windows, menu items, icons, and dialog boxes of the debugger interface. For information on how to access the online help, see section 1.6 on page 1-11.

Notational Conventions

This document uses the following conventions.

- The TMS320C54x family of devices is referred to as 'C54x.
- Debugger commands are not case sensitive; you can enter them in lowercase, uppercase, or a combination. To emphasize this fact, commands are shown throughout this user's guide in both uppercase and lowercase.
- Program listings and examples are shown in a `special font`. Some examples use a **`bold version`** to identify code, commands, or portions of an example that *you* enter. Here is an example:

Command	Result Displayed in the Command Window
`whatis aai`	`int aai[10][5];`
`whatis xxx`	`struct xxx { int a; int b; int c; int f1 : 2; int f2 : 4; struct xxx *f3; int f4[10]; }`

  In this example, the left column identifies debugger commands that you type in. The right column identifies the result that the debugger displays in the display area of the Command window.

- In syntax descriptions, the instruction or command is in a **bold face,** and parameters are in *italics*. Portions of a syntax that are in **bold** should be entered as shown; portions of a syntax that are in *italics* describe the kind of information to be entered. Here is an example of a command syntax:

  load *object filename*

  load is the command. This command has one required parameter, indicated by *object filename*.

- Square brackets ([and]) identify an optional parameter. If you use an optional parameter, you supply the information specified within the brackets; you do not enter the brackets themselves. Here is an example of a command that has an optional parameter:

  run [*expression*]

  The RUN command has one parameter, *expression*, which is optional.

- Braces ({ and }) indicate a list. The symbol | (read as *or*) separates items within the list. Here is an example of a list:

  sound {**on** | **off**}

  This provides two choices: **sound on** or **sound off**.

  Unless the list is enclosed in square brackets, you must choose one item from the list.

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American National Standard for Information Systems—Programming Language C X3.159-1989, American National Standards Institute (ANSI standard for C)

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Chapter 1

Overview of the Code Development and Debugging System

The C source debugger is an advanced programmer's interface that helps you to develop, test, and refine 'C54x C programs (compiled with the 'C54x optimizing ANSI C compiler) and assembly language programs. The debugger is the interface to the 'C54x simulator and the scan-based emulator.

This chapter gives an overview of the C source debugger, describes the code development environment, and explains how you must prepare your program for debugging. This chapter also describes the parallel debug manager (PDM) for use with the 'C54x emulator.

You can access context-sensitive online help at any time during the debugging process to explain the functions of the windows, dialog boxes, and menus of the debugger interface. This chapter also explains how to access online help and how to exit the debugger when you have completed your debugging session.

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1.1 Key Features of the Debugger

- **Multilevel debugging**. The debugger allows you to debug both C and assembly language code. If you are debugging a C program, you can choose to view only the C source, the disassembly of the object code created from the C source, or both. You can also use the debugger as an assembly language debugger and view the original assembly source code.

- **Fully configurable graphical user interface.** The C source debugger separates code, data, and commands into manageable portions. The graphical user interface is intuitive and follows the conventions used by your windowing system.

- **Comprehensive data displays.** You can easily create windows for displaying and editing the values of variables, arrays, structures, pointers—any kind of data—in their natural format (float, int, char, enum, or pointer). You can even display entire linked lists.

- **On-screen editing.** You can change any data value displayed in any window—just click and type.

- **Automatic update.** The debugger automatically updates information on the screen, highlighting changed values.

- **Dynamic profiling.** In addition to the basic debugging environment, a second environment—the *profiling environment*—is available for ICECrusher/ARM7TDMIE-based devices. The profiling environment provides a method for collecting execution statistics about specific areas in your code. This gives you immediate feedback on your application's performance and helps you identify bottlenecks within the code.

- **Analysis module.** In addition to the basic debugger features, the 'C54x has an analysis module on the chip that allows the emulator to monitor the operations of your target system. This expands your debugging capabilities beyond simple software breakpoints.

- **All the standard features you expect in a world-class debugger.** The debugger provides you with complete control over program execution with features like conditional execution and single-stepping (including single-stepping into or over function calls). You can set or clear a breakpoint with a click of the mouse. You can define a memory map that identifies the portions of target memory that the debugger can access. The debugger can execute commands from a batch file, providing you with an easy method for entering often-used command sequences.

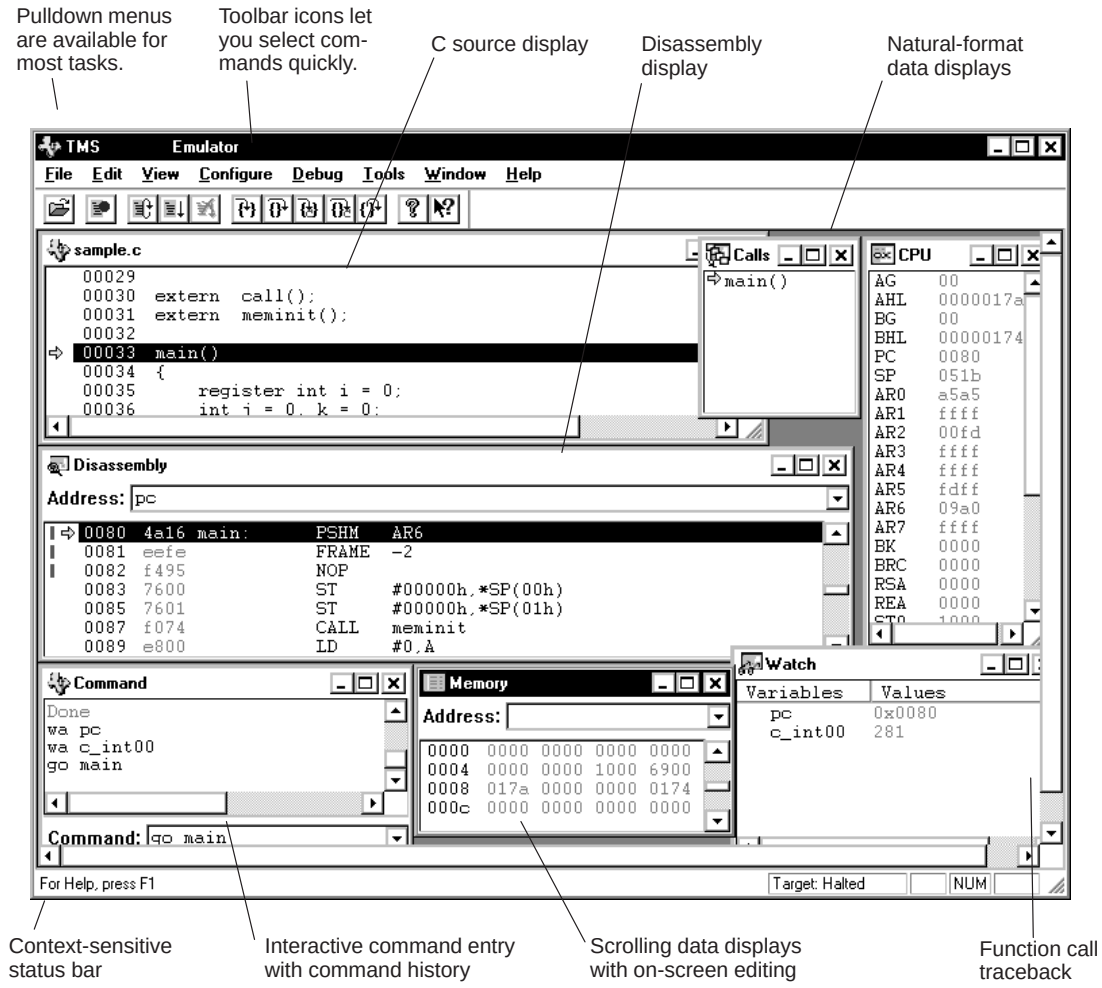
1.2 About the C Source Debugger Interface

The C source debugging interface improves productivity by allowing you to debug a program in the language in which it was written. You can choose to debug your programs in C, assembly language, or both.

The Texas Instruments advanced programmer's interface follows the conventions used by your windowing system, reducing learning time and eliminating the need to memorize complex commands. A shortened learning curve and increased productivity reduce the software development cycle, so you can get to market faster.

Figure 1–1 identifies several features of the debugger display.

Figure 1–1. The Basic Debugger Display



Descriptions of the debugger windows and their contents

The debugger can show several types of windows. Each type of window serves a specific purpose and has unique characteristics. Every window is identified by a name in its upper left corner. For the File window, the debugger displays the name of the file shown in the window instead of the word File. There are several different windows, divided into these general categories:

- Code-display windows display assembly language or C code. These code-display windows are:
  - A File window displays any text file that you want to display; its main purpose, however, is to display C source code. You can display multiple File windows at one time.
  - The Disassembly window displays the disassembly (assembly language version) of memory contents.
  - The Calls window identifies the current function and previous function calls if you are debugging a C program.
- The Profile window displays statistics about code execution
- Data-display windows are for observing and modifying various types of data. The data-display windows consist of:
  - A Memory window displays the contents of a range of memory. You can display multiple Memory windows to allow you to view different sections of memory at one time.
  - The CPU window displays the contents of ’C54x registers.
  - A Watch window displays selected data such as variables, specific registers, or memory locations. You can display multiple Watch windows to allow you to view multiple variables, register, or memory locations at one time.
  - A Variable window displays all variables declared in the program’s current function, or all variables in the currently executing line of C code as well as variables in the previous procedures.
- The Command window provides an area for typing in commands and reentering commands and an area for displaying various types of information, such as progress messages, error messages, or command output.

Table 1–1 summarizes the purpose of each window, how each window is created, and in which debugging mode each window is visible.

Table 1–1. Summary of Debugger Window Descriptions

Window	Purpose	Created	Mode
Calls	Lists the current function, its caller, and the caller's caller, etc. for C functions	❑ Automatically when you are displaying C code ❑ With the CALLS command if you previously closed the Calls window	❑ Auto ❑ Mixed
Command	❑ Provides a command line for entering commands ❑ Provides a display area for echoing commands and displaying command output, errors, and messages	Automatically	All
CPU	Shows the contents of the 'C54x registers	Automatically	All
Disassembly	Displays the disassembly (or reverse assembly) of memory contents	Automatically	All
File	❑ Displays C source files ❑ Displays assembly source files ❑ Displays text files	❑ With the File→Open menu option ❑ Automatically when your program executes C code, assembly code, or serial assembly code assembled with the –g assembler option	❑ Auto ❑ Mixed
Memory	Displays the contents of memory. Reference addresses, determined by the size of the window, are listed in the first column.	❑ Automatically for the default Memory window only ❑ With the MEM command and a unique *window name* for additional Memory windows	All
Profile	Displays statistics collected during a profiling session	By entering the profiling environment: Tools→Profile→Profile Mode	Mixed
Watch	Displays the values of selected expressions, structures, arrays, or pointers	❑ With the Configure→Watch Add menu option ❑ With the WA and DISP commands	All
Variable	Displays variables and their associated values for the current procedure, as well as variables on the currently executing line of C code and variables from the previous statement	❑ Automatically when you are displaying C code ❑ With the CALLS command if you have previously closed the Calls window ❑ With the View→Variable Window menu option	❑ Auto ❑ Mixed

All of the windows have context menus that allow you to display or hide information in a window and control how a window is displayed. To display a context menu, follow these steps:

1) Move your pointer over a debugger window.

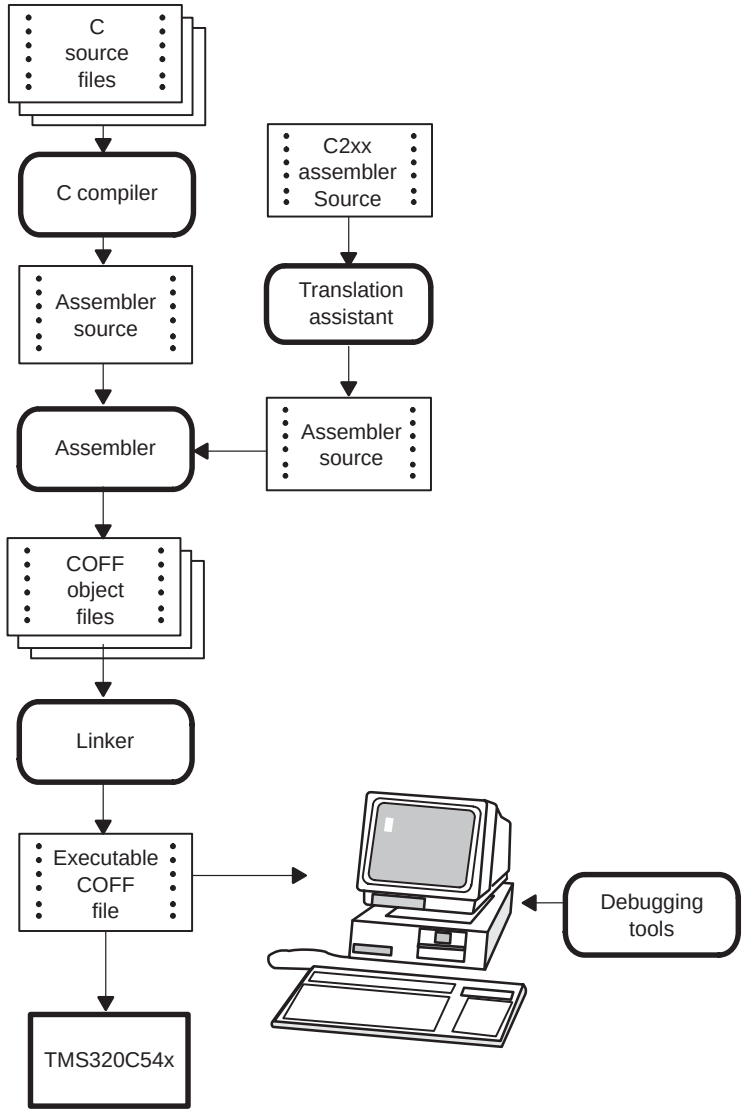
2) Click the right mouse button. This displays a context menu like the following example:

Each context menu option that is currently selected has a check mark (✔) preceding it, and those that are unselected do not. Clicking an option toggles between selected and unselected.

1.3 Developing Code for the TMS320C54x

The ’C54x is well supported by a complete set of hardware and software development tools, including a C compiler, an assembler, and a linker. Figure 1–2 illustrates the basic ’C54x code development flow.

Figure 1–2. TMS320C54x Software Development Flow



Common object file format (COFF) allows you to divide your code into logical blocks, define your system’s memory map, and then link code into specific memory areas. COFF also provides rich support for source-level debugging.

The following list describes the tools shown in Figure 1–2.

- The **C compiler** accepts C source code and produces TMS320C54x assembly language source code. A **shell program**, an **optimizer**, and an **interlist utility** are included in the compiler package:
  - The shell program enables you to compile, assemble, and link source modules in one step.
  - The optimizer modifies code to improve the efficiency of C programs.
  - The interlist utility interlists C source statements with assembly language output to correlate code produced by the compiler with your source code.

  See the *TMS320C54x Optimizing C Compiler User's Guide* for more information.

- The **assembler** translates assembly language source files into machine language COFF object files.

  See the *TMS320C54x Assembly Language Tools User's Guide* for more information.

- The **linker** combines object files into a single executable COFF object module. As it creates the executable module, it performs relocation and resolves external references. The linker allows you to define your system's memory map and to associate blocks of code with defined memory areas.

  See the *TMS320C54x Assembly Language Tools User's Guide* for more information.

- The main product of this development process is a module that can be executed in a **TMS320C54x target system**.

- You can use debugging tools to refine and correct your code. Available products include:
  - An XDS™ emulator

1.4 About the Parallel Debug Manager

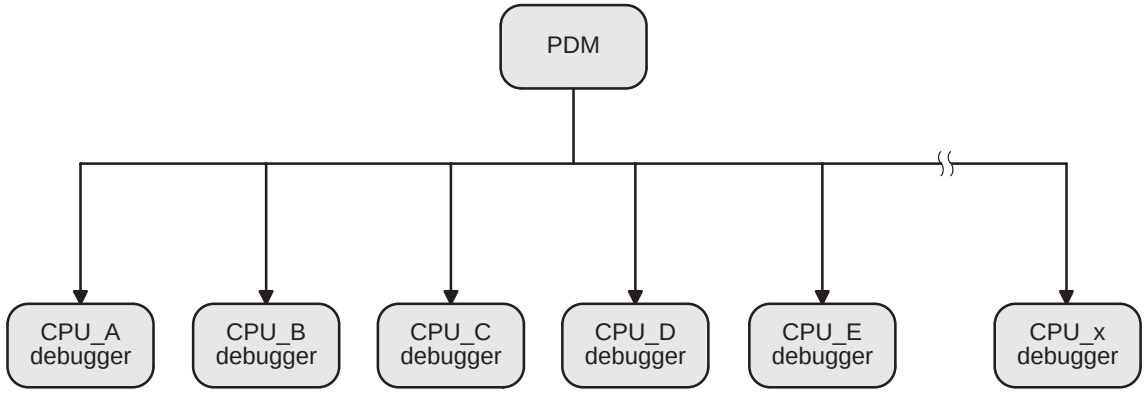
The TMS320C54x emulation system is a true multiprocessing debugging system. It allows you to debug your entire application by using the parallel debug manager (PDM). The PDM is a command shell that controls and coordinates multiple debuggers, providing you with the ability to:

- ❏ Create and control debuggers for one or more processors
- ❏ Organize debuggers into groups
- ❏ Send commands to one or more debuggers
- ❏ Synchronously run, step, and halt multiple processors in parallel
- ❏ Gather system information in a central location

The PDM is invoked and PDM commands are executed from a command shell window under the host windowing system. From the PDM, you can invoke and control debuggers for each of the processors in your multiprocessing system.

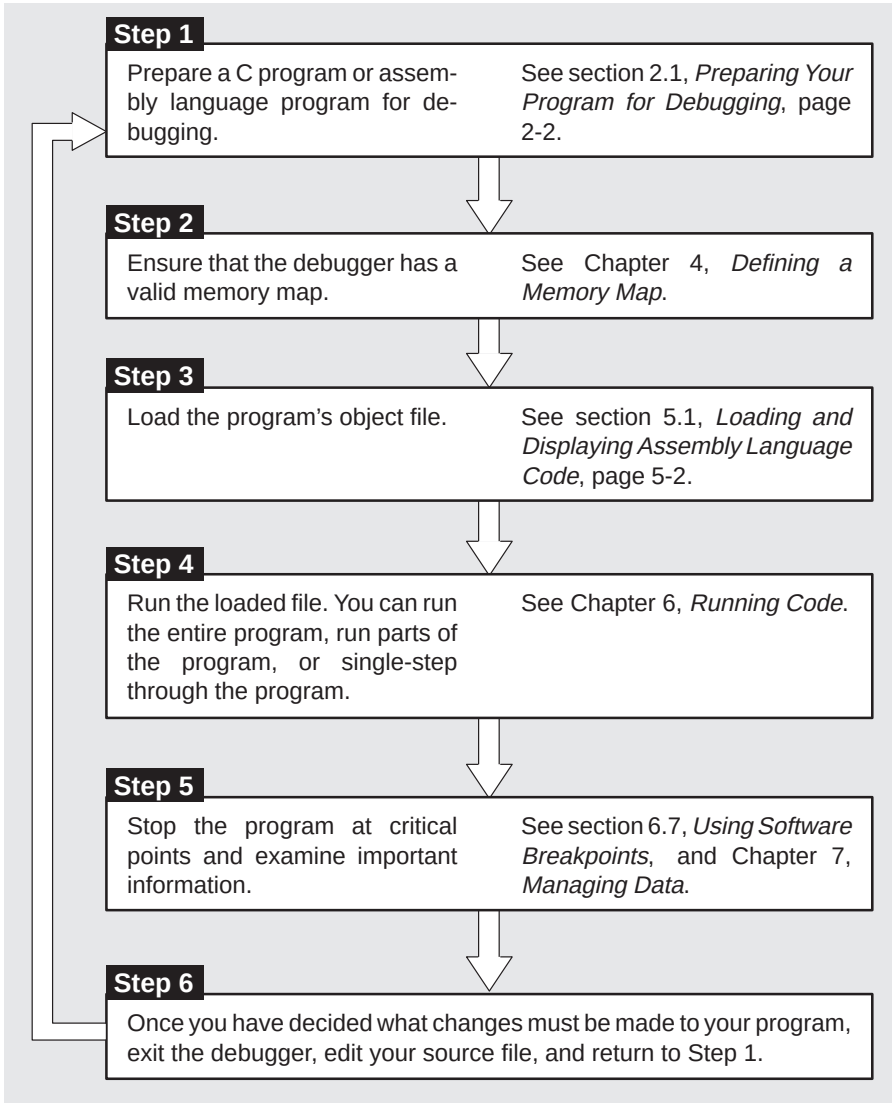
As Figure 1–3 shows, you can run multiple debuggers under the control of the PDM.

Figure 1–3. The PDM Environment



1.5 Overview of the Debugging Process

Debugging a program is a multiple-step process. These steps are described below, with references to parts of this book that help you accomplish each step.


Step 1
Prepare a C program or assembly language program for debugging.
See section 2.1, *Preparing Your Program for Debugging*, page 2-2.
Step 2
Ensure that the debugger has a valid memory map.
See Chapter 4, *Defining a Memory Map*.
Step 3
Load the program's object file.
See section 5.1, *Loading and Displaying Assembly Language Code*, page 5-2.
Step 4
Run the loaded file. You can run the entire program, run parts of the program, or single-step through the program.
See Chapter 6, *Running Code*.
Step 5
Stop the program at critical points and examine important information.
See section 6.7, *Using Software Breakpoints*, and Chapter 7, *Managing Data*.
Step 6
Once you have decided what changes must be made to your program, exit the debugger, edit your source file, and return to Step 1.

1.6 Accessing Online Help

Online help is available to provide information about menu options, dialog boxes, debugger windows, and debugger commands.

Accessing a list of help topics

To display a list of help topics, follow these steps:

1) Open the list of help topics by using one of these methods:

   ❑ Click the Help Contents icon on the toolbar:

   ❑ From the Help menu, select Help Topics.

   ❑ From the command line, enter:

   `help` ↵

2) Double-click the topic that you want to view.

Accessing context-sensitive help

You can access context-sensitive help using the following methods:

❑ To find out about an item in the debugger display, follow these steps:

   1) Click the Help icon on the toolbar:

   This changes the pointer to a question mark.

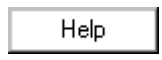
   2) Select the menu option or click on the item that you want more information about.

❑ To find out about a dialog box or a window, follow these steps:

   1) Make the window or the dialog box active.

   2) Press F1.

   For all dialog boxes, you can also click the Help button in that dialog box to view context-sensitive help:

Accessing help for debugger commands

To find out about a specific debugger command, use the HELP command. The syntax for this command is:

help *debugger command*

The HELP command opens a help topic that describes the *debugger command*.

Chapter 2

Getting Started With the Debugger

Before or after you install the debugger, you can define environment variables that set certain debugger parameters you normally use. When you use environment variables, default values are set, making each individual invocation of the debugger simpler, because these parameters are automatically specified. When you invoke the debugger, you can use command-line options to override many of the defaults that are set with environment variables. These options are summarized in this chapter.

Once you have set up the environment variables and invoked the debugger, you must select the correct debugging mode for your program. This chapter describes these debugging modes and provides an overview of the debugging process.

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2.1 Preparing Your Program for Debugging

Before you use the debugger, you must create an executable object file. To do so, start with C source and/or assembly language code. You can use the cl500 shell program to compile, assemble, and link your source code, creating an executable object file. To be able to debug the object file, you must use the –g shell option. The –g option generates symbolic debugging directives that are used by the debugger.

If you want to profile the execution of the object file, you must use the –as shell option. The –as option puts labels in the symbol table. Label definitions are written to the COFF symbol table for use with symbolic debugging.

For more information about the cl500 shell program and its options and about creating an executable object file for use with the debugger, see the *TMS320C54x Optimizing C Compiler User's Guide*.

Debugging optimized code

If you intend to *debug* optimized code, use the –g shell option with the –o shell option. The –g option generates symbolic debugging directives that are used by the debugger for C source debugging, but it disables many compiler optimizations. When you use the –o option (which invokes the optimizer) with the –g option, you turn on the maximum amount of optimization that is compatible with debugging. The –o option applies only to C code, not to assembly.

Profiling optimized code

If you intend to *profile* optimized code, use the –mg shell option with the –g and –o options. The –mg option allows you to profile optimized code by turning on the maximum amount of optimization that is compatible with profiling. When you combine the –g and –o options with the –mg option, all of the line directives are removed except for the first one and the last one.

2.2 Identifying Alternate Directories for the Debugger to Search (D_DIR)

The debugger uses the information you provide via the D_DIR environment variable to locate the directory that contains the auxiliary files (such as init.cmd) that it needs.

Setting up D_DIR for Windows operating systems

To set the D_DIR environment variable for Windows™ 95 and Windows NT™ operating systems, use this syntax:

SET D_DIR=*pathname*$_1$[;*pathname*$_2$ . . .]

For example, to set up a directory named tools_dir for auxiliary files on your hard drive, enter:

```
SET D_DIR=c:\tools_dir
```

(Be careful not to precede the equal sign with a space.)

Setting up D_DIR for SPARC and HP-UX operating systems

To set the D_DIR environment variable for Sparc™ and HP-UX™ operating systems, use this syntax:

setenv D_DIR "*pathname***"**

If you are using SunOS™:

- For C shells:

  setenv D_DIR "*pathname***"**

- For Bourne or Korn shells:

  D_DIR="*pathname***"**
  export D_DIR

(Be sure to enclose the directory name within quotes.)

2.3 Identifying Directories That Contain Program Source Files (D_SRC)

The debugger uses the information you provide via the D_SRC environment variable to locate the directories that contain program source files that you want to access from the debugger.

Setting up D_SRC for Windows operating systems

To set the D_SRC environment variable for a Windows operating system, use this syntax:

SET D_SRC=*pathname*$_1$[;*pathname*$_2$ . . .]

For example, if your 'C54x programs were in a directory named source on drive C, the D_SRC setup would be:

```
SET D_SRC=c:\source
```

(Be careful not to precede the equal sign with a space.)

Setting up D_SRC for SPARC and HP-UX operating systems

To set the D_SRC environment variable for a Solaris™ or HP-UX operating system, use this syntax:

setenv D_SRC "*pathname1*[*;pathname2;...*]**"**

If you are using SunOS:

- For C shells:

  setenv D_SRC "*pathname*$_1$[**;***pathname*$_2$ . . .]**"**

- For Bourne or Korn shells:

  D_SRC="*pathname***"**
  export D_SRC

(Be sure to enclose the path names within one set of quotes.)

2.4 Setting Up Default Debugger Options (D_OPTIONS)

Use the D_OPTIONS environment variable to set the debugger invocation options that you want to use regularly. When you use the D_OPTIONS environment variable, the debugger uses the default options and/or input filenames that you name with D_OPTIONS every time you invoke the debugger.

Setting up D_OPTIONS for Windows operating systems

To set the D_OPTIONS environment variable for Windows operating systems, use this syntax:

SET D_OPTIONS= [*filename*] [*options*]

(Be careful not to precede the equal sign with a space.)

The *filename* identifies the optional object file for the debugger to load, and *options* lists the options you want to use at invocation. Section 2.7 on page 2-10 summarizes the options that you can identify with D_OPTIONS.

Setting up D_OPTIONS for SPARC and HP-UX operating systems

To set the D_OPTIONS environment variable for SPARC and HP-UX operating systems, use this syntax:

setenv D_OPTIONS "[*filename*] [*options*]**"**

If you are using SunOS:

- For C shells:

  setenv D_OPTIONS "[*filename*] [*options*]**"**

- For Bourne or Korn shells:

  D_OPTIONS="[*filename*] [*options*]**"**
  export D_OPTIONS

(Be sure to enclose the filename and options within one set of quotes.)

The *filename* identifies the optional object file for the debugger to load, and *options* list the options you want to use at invocation. Section 2.7, on page 2-10, summarizes the options that you can identify with D_OPTIONS.

2.5 Resetting the Emulator

You must reset the emulator *before* invoking the debugger. Reset can occur only after you have powered up the target board. You can reset the emulator by adding the following command to the autoexec.bat file:

emurst [**-x**] [**-p** *number*]

The –x option tells the emurst utility to ignore any options specified with the D_OPTIONS environment variable. For more information about the –x option, see page 2-13.

The –p option *number* identifies the I/O port address that the debugger uses for communicating with the emulator. For more information about the –p option, see page 2-12.

If the following message appears after the emulator is reset, you have a hardware error:

```
CANNOT DETECT TARGET POWER
```

One of several problems can cause this error message to appear. Answer each of the following questions about your system and restart your PC. Check:

- ❏ Is the emulator board installed snugly?
- ❏ Is the cable connecting your emulator and target system loose?
- ❏ Is the target power on?
- ❏ Is your target board getting the correct voltage?
- ❏ Is your emulator scan path uninterrupted?
- ❏ Is your port address set correctly?
  - ■ Ensure that the –p option's parameter (in the D_OPTIONS environment variable) matches the I/O address defined by your switch settings. For information about the switch settings, see the *XDS51x Emulator Installation Guide.*
  - ■ Ensure that the address you entered as the –p option's parameter does not conflict with the address space in another bus setting. If you have a conflict, change the switches on your board to one of the alternate settings. Modify the –p option's parameter (in the D_OPTIONS environment variable) to reflect the change in your switch settings.

2.6 Invoking the Debuggers and the PDM

If you are using an emulator, there are two ways to invoke the debugger:

- ❏ You can invoke a stand-alone debugger that is *not* controlled by the parallel debug manager (PDM).
- ❏ You can invoke several debuggers that are under the control of the PDM.

This section describes how to invoke any version of the debugger and how to invoke the PDM.

Invoking a stand-alone debugger

To invoke the debugger on a PC™, use one of the following methods:

- ❏ Double-click the shortcut icon for the debugger.
- ❏ From the Start menu, select Run.... Enter the path for the debugger executable file.

You can specify debugger options at invocation by modifying the command line in the property sheet for your debugger icon.

To invoke the debugger on a SPARCstation™, enter the following command from a command shell:

sim54x | **emu54x** [*filename*] *options*

sim54x	invokes the debugger for the simulator.
emu54x	invokes the debugger for the emulator.
filename	is an optional parameter that names an object file that the debugger loads into memory during invocation. The debugger looks for the file in the current directory; if the file is not in the current directory, you must supply the entire pathname. If you do not supply an extension for the filename, the debugger assumes that the extension is .out.
options	supply the debugger with information on how to handle files, manage the display, and input information.

Invoking multiple debuggers (emulator only)

Before you can invoke multiple debuggers in a multiprocessing environment, you must first invoke the parallel debug manager (PDM). The PDM is invoked and PDM commands are executed from a command shell window within the host windowing system. The format for invoking the PDM is:

pdm [**–t** *filename*]

- ❏ **pdm** is the command used to invoke the debugger.

- **–t** option allows you to specify your own customized initialization command file to use intead of emuinit.cmd, or init.cmd. The format for the –t option is:

  –t *filename.cmd*

  Using this option is similar to loading a batch file by using the debugger's File→Execute Take File... menu option or the TAKE command within the debugger environment.

- *filename* is an optional parameter that names an object file that the debugger loads into memory during invocation. The debugger looks for the file in the current directory; if the file is not in the current directory, you must-supply the entire pathname.

  If you do not supply an extension for the filename, the debugger assumes that the extension is .out, unless you are using multiple extensioms. You must specify the *entire* filename if the filename has more than one extension.

Once the PDM is invoked, you see the PDM command prompt (PDM:1>>) and can begin entering commands.

When you invoke the PDM, it searches for a file called init.pdm. This file contains initialization commands for the PDM. The PDM searches for the init.pdm file in the current directory and in the directories you specify with the D_DIR environment variable. If the PDM cannot find the initialization file, you will see this message:

```
Cannot open take file.
```

Note:

The PDM environment uses the interprocess communication (IPC) features of UNIX™ (shared memory, message queues, and semaphores) to provide and manage communications between the different tasks. If you are not sure whether the IPC features are enabled, see your system administrator. To use the PDM environment, you should be familiar with the IPC status (ipcs) and IPC remove (ipcrm) UNIX commands. If you use the UNIX task kill (kill) command to terminate execution of tasks, you will also need to use the ipcrm command to terminate the shared memory, message queues, and semaphores used by the PDM.

When you debug a multiprocessing application, each processor must have its own debugger. These debuggers can be invoked individually from the PDM command line.

To invoke a debugger, use the SPAWN command. The syntax for SPAWN is:

spawn emu54x –n *processor_name* [*filename*] [*options*]

- **emu54x** is the executable that invokes the debugger.

  To invoke a debugger, the PDM must be able to find the executable file for that debugger. The PDM first searches the current directory and then searches the directories listed with the PATH statement or the path environment variable.

- **–n** *processor name* supplies a processor name. You *must* use the –n option because the PDM uses processor names to identify the various debuggers that are running.

  The processor name must match one of the names defined in your board configuration file (see Appendix C, *Describing Your Target System to the Debugger*). For example, to invoke a debugger for a ’C54x that you defined as CPU_A, you would enter:

  ```
  spawn emu54x –n CPU_A
  ```

  The processor name can consist of up to eight alphanumeric characters or underscore characters and must begin with an alphanumeric character. The name is not case sensitive.

- *filename* is an optional parameter that names an object file that the debugger loads into memory during invocation. The debugger looks for the file in the current directory; if the file is not in the current directory, you must supply the entire pathname.

  If you do not supply an extension for the filename, the debugger assumes that the extension is .out, unless you are using multiple extensions. You must specify the *entire* filename if the filename has more than one extension.

- *–options* supply the debugger with additional information. See section 2.7, page 2-10, for a summary table of debugger options.

2.7 Summary of Debugger Options

Table 2–1 summarizes the debugger options that you can use when invoking a debugger (see section 2.6 on page 2-7 for information on how to invoke the debugger with debugger options for your particular operating system). The rest of this section describes these options in more detail. You can also specify filename and option information with the D_OPTIONS environment variable by following the instructions in section 2.4 on page 2-5.

Table 2–1. Summary of Debugger Options

Option	Brief Description	Debugger Tools
–c	Clear the .bss section	All
–d *machine name*	Display the debugger on a different machine	All (X Window System™ only)
–f *filename*	Identify a new board configuration file	Emulator
–i *pathname*	Identify additional directories	All
–n *device_name*	Identify device for debugging	Emulator
–p *port_address*	Identify the port address	Emulator
–profile	Enter the profiling environment	All
–s *filename*	Load the symbol table only	All
–t *filename*	Identify a new initialization file	All
–v	Load without the symbol table	All
–x	Ignore D_OPTIONS	All

Clearing the .bss section (–c option)

The –c option clears the .bss section when the debugger loads code. Use this option when you have C programs that use the RAM initialization model (specified with the –cr linker option described in the *TMS320C54x Assembly Language Tools User's Guide*).

Displaying the debugger on a different machine (–d option)

If you are using the X Window System, you can use the –d option to display the debugger on a different machine than the one the program is running on. The format for this option is:

–d *machine_name***:0**

The **:0** must follow the name of the machine on which you want to view the debugger.

You can also specify a different machine by using the DISPLAY environment variable . If you use both the DISPLAY environment variable and the –d option, –d overrides DISPLAY.

Identifying a new configuration file (–f option)

If you are using the emulator, the –f option allows you to specify a board configuration file to be used instead of board.dat. The format for this option is:

–f *filename***.dat**

See Appendix C, *Describing Your Target System to the Debugger*, for information about creating a board configuration file.

Identifying additional directories (–i option)

The –i option identifies additional directories that contain your source files. You can specify as many pathnames as necessary; use the –i option with each pathname in this format:

–i $pathname_1$ **–i** $pathname_2$ **–i** $pathname_3$...

Using –i is similar to using the D_SRC environment variable (see the information about setting up the D_SRC environment variable in section 2.3 on page 2-4). If you name directories with both –i and D_SRC, the debugger first searches through directories named with –i. The debugger can track a cumulative total of 20 paths (including paths specified with –i, D_SRC, and the debugger USE command).

Identifying the processor to be debugged (–n option)

The –n option is valid only when you are using the emulator. The –n option allows you to specify which particular ’C54x to debug when you are using the SPAWN command to invoke multiple debuggers. The processor name must match one of the names defined in your board.cfg file. The format for this option is:

–n *device_name*

Device names can be any string less than 32 characters long; however, they cannot contain double quotes, a line feed, or a newline character. For more information about the board.cfg file, see Appendix C, *Describing Your Target System to the Debugger*.

Identifying the I/O port address (–p option)

The –p option specifies which I/O port the debugger uses to communicate with the emulator. The format for the –p option is:

–p *port_address*

If you use the default switch settings, you do not need to use the –p option. **If you use nondefault switch settings in your installation of the XDS51x system, you must use –p**. For information on switch settings, see the *XDS51x Installation Guide*; determine your switch settings, and replace *port address* with one of these values:

If your Switch 1 is...	and your Switch 2 is...	Use this –p option...
On (default)	On (default)	240 (optional)
On	Off	280
Off	On	320
Off	Off	340

If you did not note your I/O switch settings, you can use a trial-and-error approach to find the correct –p setting. If you use the wrong setting, you will see an error message when you invoke the debugger. (See the *XDS51x Installation Guide* for more information.)

If you are using a UNIX workstation, the –p option specifies the SCSI port the debugger uses for communicating with the emulator. For more information, see the *XDS51x Installation Guide*.

Entering the profiling environment (–profile option)

This option is valid only when you are using the simulator. The –profile option allows you to bring up the debugger in a profiling environment so that you can collect statistics about code execution. Only a subset of the basic debugger features is available in the profiling environment. For more information about the profiling environment, see Chapter 8, *Profiling Code Execution*.

You can also enter the profiling environment after invoking the debugger by using the debugger's Tools→Profile→Profile Mode menu option or PROFILE command within the debugger environment.

Loading the symbol table only (–s option)

The –s option allows you to load only a file's symbol table (without the file's object code). This option is most useful in an emulation environment in which the debugger cannot, or need not, load the object code (for example, if the code is in ROM). In such an environment, loading the symbol table allows you to perform symbolic debugging and examine the values of C variables. The format for this option is:

–s *filename***.out**

Using this option is similar to loading a file by using the debugger's File→Load→Load Symbols menu option or the SLOAD command within the debugger environment.

Identifying a new initialization file (–t option)

The –t option allows you to specify your own customized initialization command file to use instead of emuinit.cmd or init.cmd. The format for the –t option is:

–t *filename.cmd*

Using this option is similar to loading a batch file by using the debugger's File→Execute Take File... menu option or the TAKE command within the debugger environment.

Loading without the symbol table (–v option)

The –v option prevents the debugger from loading the entire symbol table when you load an object file. The debugger loads only the global symbols and later loads local symbols as it needs them. This speeds up the loading time and consumes less memory.

The –v option affects all loads, including those performed when you invoke the debugger and those performed with the File→Load→Load Program menu option or the LOAD command within the debugger environment.

Ignoring D_OPTIONS (–x option)

The –x option tells the debugger to ignore any information supplied with the D_OPTIONS environment variable (described in section 2.4 on page 2-5).

2.8 Debugging Modes

The debugger has three debugging modes: auto, assembly, and mixed. Each mode changes the debugger display by adding or hiding specific windows. This section shows the default displays and the windows that the debugger automatically displays for these modes. These modes cannot be used within the profiling environment; the Command, Profile, Disassembly, and File windows are the only available windows in the profiling environment.

Auto mode

In *auto mode*, the debugger automatically displays whichever type of code is currently running: assembly language or C. This is the default mode. Auto mode has two types of displays:

- When the debugger is running assembly language code, you see an assembly display similar to the one in Figure 2–2. The Disassembly window displays the reverse assembly of memory contents.

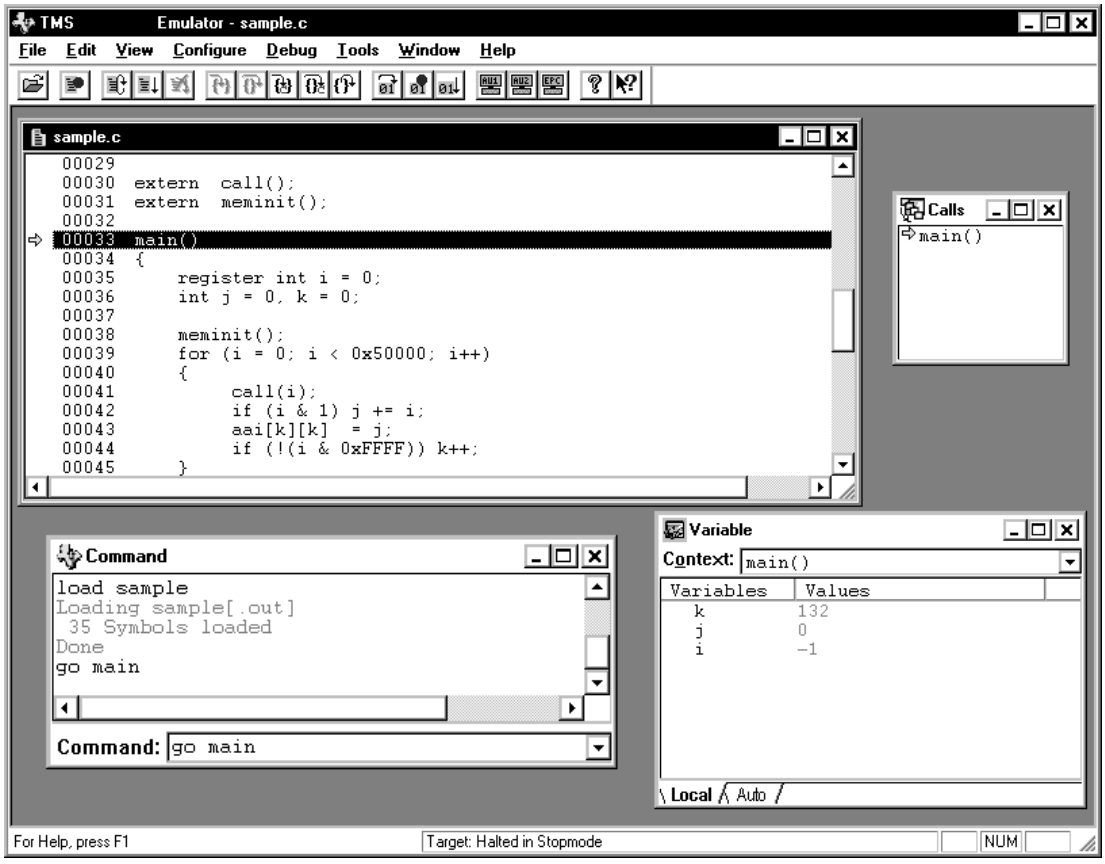
  When you first invoke the debugger, you see a display similar to this.

- When the debugger is running C code, you see a C display similar to the one in Figure 2–1. (This assumes that the debugger can find your C source file to display in the File window. If the debugger cannot find your source, it displays the disassembly code only.)

When you are running assembly language code, the debugger automatically displays a Memory window, the Disassembly window, the CPU register window, and the Command window. In addition to these windows, you can open Watch windows and additional Memory windows.

When you are running C code, the debugger automatically displays the Command, Calls, Variable, and File windows. In addition to these windows, you can open Watch windows.

Figure 2–1. Typical C Display (for Auto Mode Only)

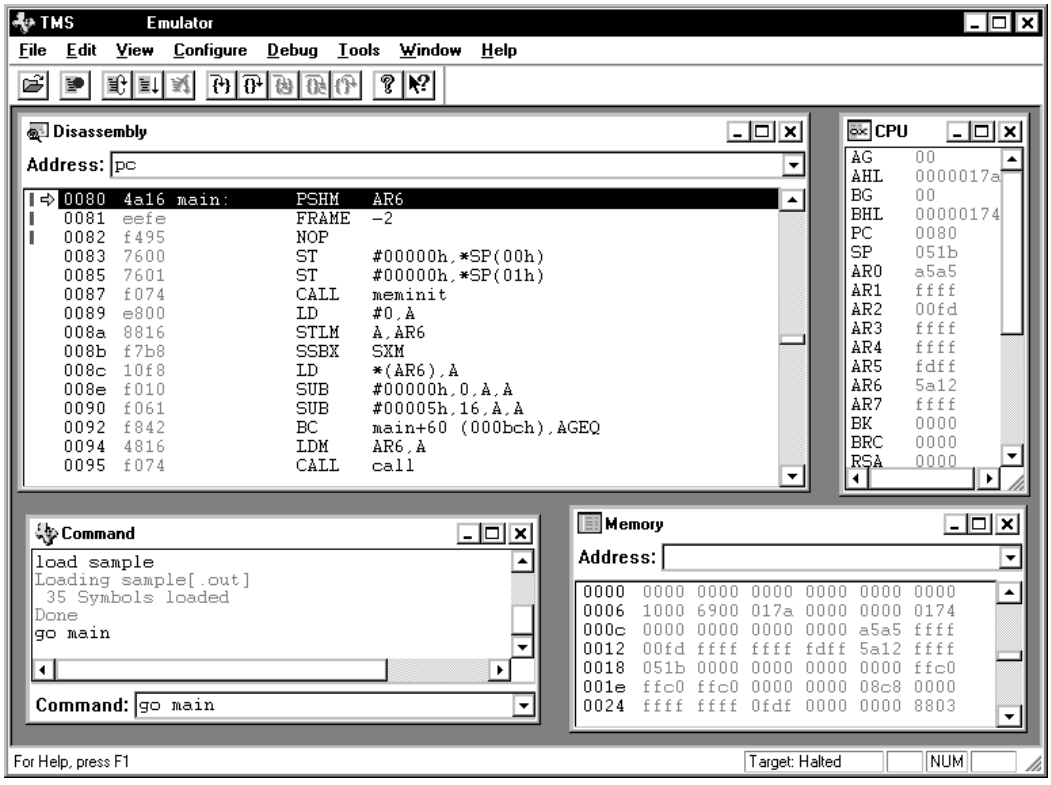


Assembly mode

Assembly mode is for viewing assembly language programs only. In this mode, you see a display similar to the one shown in Figure 2–2. When you are in assembly mode, you always see the assembly display, regardless of whether C or assembly language is currently running.

In assembly mode, the debugger automatically displays a Memory window, the Disassembly window, the CPU register window, and the Command window. In addition to these windows, you can open Watch windows and additional Memory windows.

Figure 2–2. Typical Assembly Display (for Auto Mode and Assembly Mode)



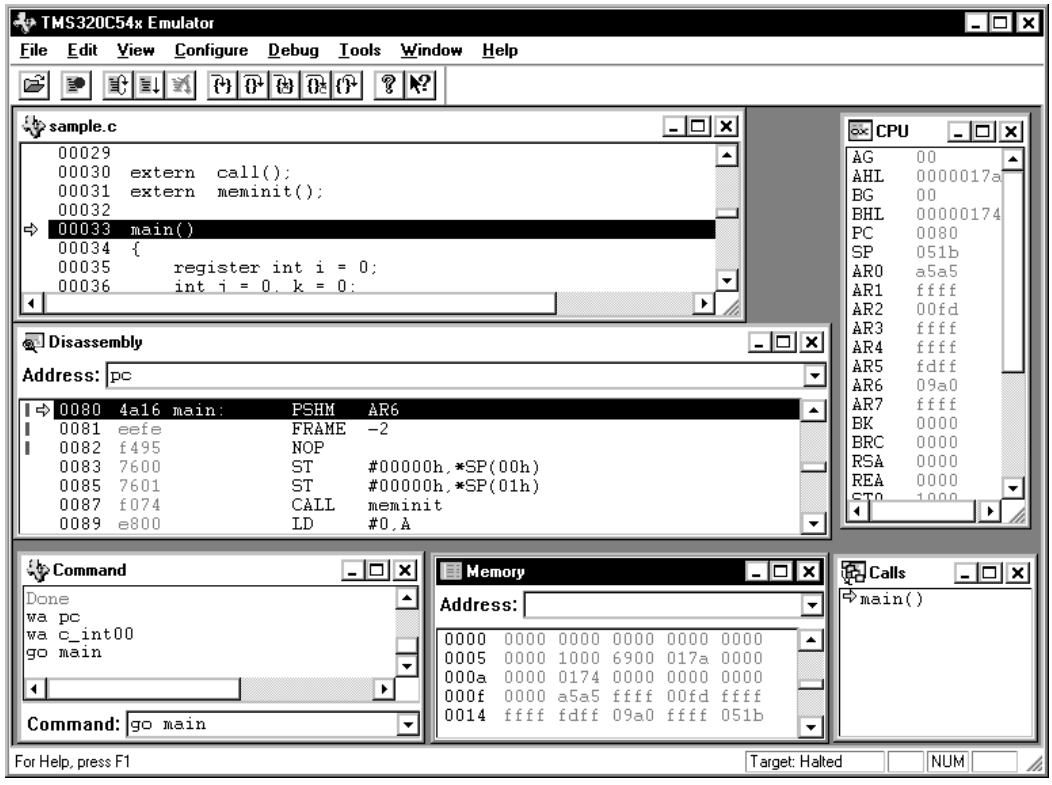
Mixed mode

Mixed mode is for viewing assembly language and C code at the same time. Figure 2–3 shows the default display for mixed mode.

In mixed mode, the debugger displays all windows that can be displayed in auto and assembly modes, regardless of whether you are currently running assembly language or C code. This is useful for finding bugs in C programs that exploit specific architectural features of the target device.

If you assemble your code with the –g assembler option, the debugger displays in the File window the contents of the assembly source file, in addition to displaying the reverse assembly of memory contents in the Disassembly window.

Figure 2–3. Typical Mixed Display (for Mixed Mode Only)



Restrictions associated with debugging modes

The assembly language code that the debugger shows you in the Disassembly window is the disassembly (reverse assembly) of the memory contents. If you load object code into memory, the assembly language code in the Disassembly window is the disassembly of that object code. If you do not load an object file, the disassembly is not be very useful.

Some commands are valid only in certain modes, especially if a command applies to a window that is visible only in certain modes. In this case, entering the command causes the debugger to switch to the mode that is appropriate for the command. The following commands are valid only in the modes listed:

- The CALLS, DISP, FUNC, and FILE commands are valid only in auto and mixed modes.
- The MEM command is valid only in assembly and mixed modes.

2.9 Exiting the Debugger or the PDM

To exit the debugger, use one of these methods:

- From the File menu at the top of the debugger display, select Exit.
- Close the application window for the debugger.
- From the command line, enter:

  ```
  quit ↵
  ```

You can also enter QUIT from the command line of the PDM to quit all of the debuggers (and also close the PDM).

Chapter 3

Entering and Using Commands

The debugger provides you with several methods for entering commands:

- From the toolbar
- From the menu bar
- With function keys
- From the command line
- From a batch file

This chapter describes how you can create aliases for commands and command sequences that you enter frequently, as well as information about using a batch file or a log file for entering commands.

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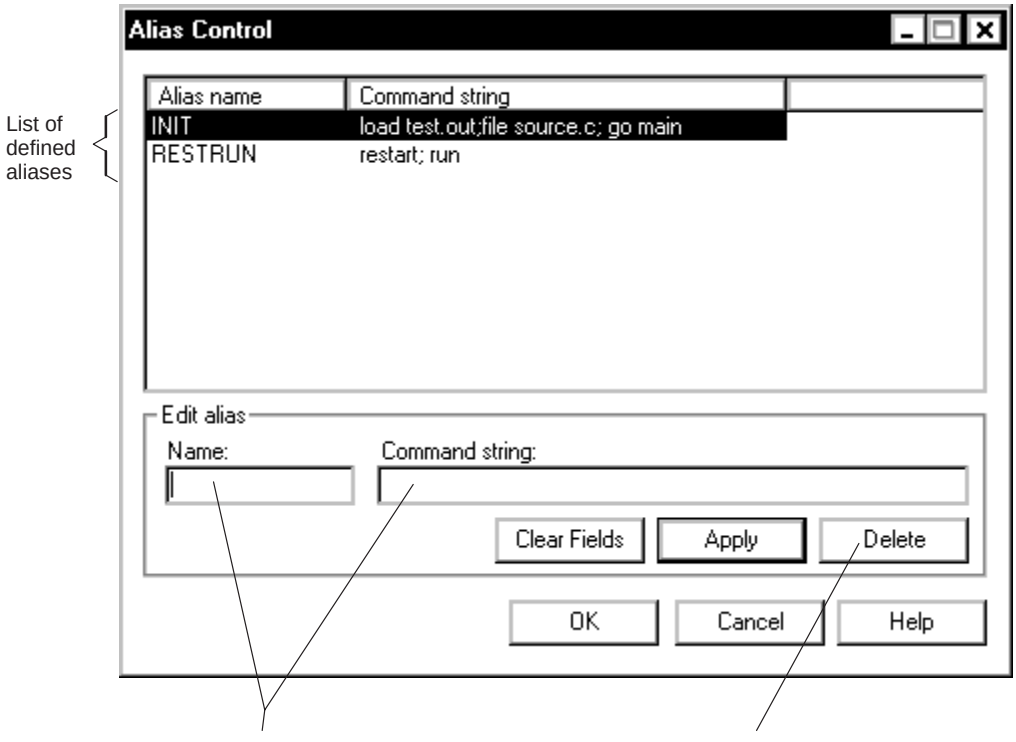
3.1 Defining Your Own Command Strings

The debugger provides a shorthand method of entering often-used commands or command sequences. This process is called *aliasing*. Aliasing allows you to define an alias name for the command(s) and then enter the alias name as if it were a debugger command.

Note:

Creating aliased commands in PDM is different from creating aliased commands in the debugger. For information about the PDM versions of the ALIAS and UNALIAS commands, see page 10-15.

To use the aliasing feature, select Alias Commands from the Configure menu. This displays the Alias Control dialog box:



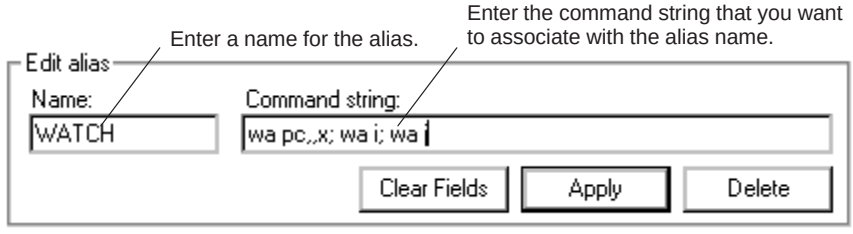
Defining an alias

To define an alias, follow these steps:

1) From the Configure menu, select Alias Commands. This displays the Alias Control dialog box.

2) In the Name field, enter a name for the alias.

3) In the Command string field, enter the command string that you want to associate with the alias name. If you want to associate multiple commands with the alias, separate the commands with a semicolon.



4) Click Apply.

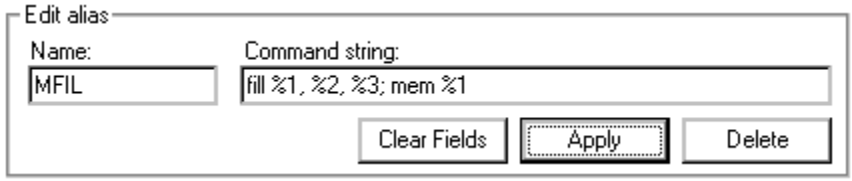
5) Click OK to close the Alias Control dialog box.

You can include a defined alias name in the command string of another alias definition.

Defining an alias with parameters

The command string that you use to define an alias can include parameter variables for which you supply the values when you use the alias. Use a percent sign and a number (%1) to represent each parameter. Use consecutive numbers (%1, %2, %3), unless you plan to reuse the same parameter value for multiple commands.

For example, suppose that every time you filled an area of memory, you also wanted to display that block in the Memory window. You could set up the following alias:



Once you define this alias, you could enter the following from the command line:

```
mfil 0x808020,0x18,0x1122
```

In this example, the first value (0x808020) is substituted for the first FILL parameter and the MEM parameter (%1). The second and third values are substituted for the second and third FILL parameters (%2 and %3).

Editing or redefining an alias

To edit or redefine an alias, follow these steps:

1) From the Configure menu, select Alias Commands. This displays the Alias Control dialog box.
2) From the list of aliases at the top of the dialog box, select the alias that you want to edit or redefine.
3) In the Name and Command string fields, make the appropriate changes.
4) Click Apply.
5) Click OK to close the Alias Control dialog box.

Deleting an alias

To delete an alias, follow these steps:

1) From the Configure menu, select Alias Commands. This displays the Alias Control dialog box.
2) From the list of aliases at the top of the dialog box, select the alias that you want to delete.
3) Click Delete.
4) Click OK to close the Alias Control dialog box.

Considerations for using alias definitions

Alias definitions are lost when you exit the debugger. If you want to reuse aliases, define them in a batch file. Use the ALIAS command, as described on page 11-13.

Individual commands within a command string are limited to an expanded length of 132 characters. The expanded length of the command includes the length of any substituted parameter values.

3.2 Entering Operating-System Commands From Within the Debugger

The debugger provides a simple method for entering operating-system commands without explicitly exiting the debugger environment. To do this, use the SYSTEM command. The format for this command is:

system [*operating-system command* [, *flag*]]

The SYSTEM command behaves in one of two ways, depending on whether or not you supply an operating-system command as a parameter:

- ❏ If you enter the SYSTEM command with an operating-system command as a parameter, then you stay within the debugger environment.
- ❏ If you enter the SYSTEM command without parameters, the debugger opens a *system shell*. This means that the debugger blanks the debugger display and temporarily exits to the operating-system prompt.

Use the first method when you have only one command to enter; use the second method when you have several commands to enter.

Entering a single command from the debugger command line

If you need to enter only a single operating-system command, supply it as a parameter to the SYSTEM command. For example, if you want to copy a file from another directory into the current directory, enter:

```
system copy a:\backup\sample.c sample.c ↵
```

If the operating-system command produces a display (such as a message), the debugger blanks the upper portion of the debugger display to show the information. In this situation, you can use the *flag* parameter to tell the debugger whether or not it should hesitate after displaying the results of the operating-system command. The *flag* parameter can be 0 or 1:

0 The debugger immediately returns to the debugger environment after the last item of information is displayed.

1 The debugger does not return to the debugger environment until you enter:

```
exit ↵.
```

(This is the default.)

In the preceding example, the debugger would open a system shell to display the following message:

```
1 File(s) copied
```

The message would be displayed until you entered **exit** at the command prompt in the system shell.

If you wanted the debugger to display the message and then return immediately to the debugger environment, you could enter the command in this way:

```
system copy a:\backup\sample.c sample.c,0 ↵
```

Entering several commands from a system shell

If you need to enter several commands, enter the SYSTEM command without parameters. The debugger opens a system shell and displays the operating-system prompt. You can enter any number of operating-system commands, one at a time, following each with a return.

When you are finished entering commands and are ready to return to the debugger environment, enter:

```
exit ↵
```

For information about the PDM version of the SYSTEM command, see page 10-16.

3.3 Creating and Executing a Batch File

You can create a batch file for several commands that you want to enter at one time. A batch file is useful for tasks such as defining aliases that you want to reuse, defining your memory map, setting up your screen configuration, loading object code, or any other task that you want to perform each time you invoke the debugger.

You can create the batch file in any text editor. For each debugger command that you include in the batch file, use the same syntax that you would use if you were entering the command from the debugger's command line. Example 3–1 shows a sample batch file that you can create.

You can set up a batch file to call another batch file; they can be nested in this manner up to ten deep.

Example 3–1. Sample Batch File for Use With the Debugger

```
echo Loading object code
load testcode.out

echo Loading screen configuration
sconfig myconfig.clr

echo Defining aliases
alias restrun, "restart; run"
alias wavars, "wa pc; wa i; wa j"
```

Echoing strings in a batch file

When executing a batch file, you can display a string to the Command window by including the ECHO command in your batch file. The syntax for the command is:

echo *string*

This displays the *string* in the display area of the Command window.

For example, you might want to document what is happening during the execution of a certain batch file. To do this, you could use a line such as the following one in your batch file to indicate that you are creating a new memory map for your device:

```
echo Creating new memory map
```

(Notice that the string is not enclosed in quotes.)

When you execute the batch file, the following message appears:

```
.
.
.
Creating new memory map
.
.
.
```

Any leading blanks in your string are removed when the ECHO command is executed.

For more information about the PDM version of the ECHO command, see page 10-12.

Executing commands conditionally in a batch file

To execute debugger commands conditionally in a batch file, use the IF/ELSE/ENDIF commands. The syntax is:

if *Boolean expression*
debugger commands
[**else**
debugger commands]
endif

If the Boolean expression evaluates to true (1), the debugger executes all commands between the IF and ELSE or ENDIF. The ELSE portion of the command is optional. See Chapter 12, *Basic Information About C Expressions*, for more information.

The IF/ELSE/ENDIF command works with the following conditions:

- ❏ You can use conditional and looping commands only in a batch file.
- ❏ You must enter each debugger command on a separate line in the batch file.
- ❏ You cannot nest conditional and looping commands within the same batch file.

See *Controlling PDM command execution*, page 10-10, for more information about the PDM versions of the IF and LOOP commands.

Looping command execution in a batch file

To set up a looping situation to execute debugger commands in a batch file, use the LOOP/ENDLOOP commands. The syntax is:

loop *expression*
debugger commands
endloop

These looping commands evaluate using the same method as the conditional RUN command expression. (See Chapter 12, *Basic Information About C Expressions*, for more information.)

If you use an *expression* that is not Boolean, the debugger evaluates the expression as a loop count. For example, if you wanted to execute a sequence of debugger commands ten times, you would use the following code sequence:

```
loop 10
step
.
.
.
endloop
```

The debugger treats the 10 as a counter and executes the debugger commands ten times.

If you use a Boolean *expression*, the debugger executes the commands repeatedly as long as the expression is true. This type of expression uses one of the following operators as the highest precedence operator in the expression:

>	> =	<
< =	= =	! =
&&	||	!

For example, if you want to trace some register values continuously, you can set up a looping expression like this one:

```
loop !0
step
? PC
?
endloop
```

The LOOP/ENDLOOP command works with the following conditions:

- ❏ You can use conditional and looping commands only in a batch file.
- ❏ You must enter each debugger command on a separate line in the batch file.
- ❏ You cannot nest conditional and looping commands within the same batch file.

See *Controlling PDM command execution*, page 10-10, for more information about the PDM versions of the IF and LOOP commands.

Pausing the execution of a batch file

You can pause the debugger or PDM while running a batch file or executing a flow control command. Pausing is especially helpful in debugging the commands in a batch file. To do so, include the PAUSE command in the batch file:

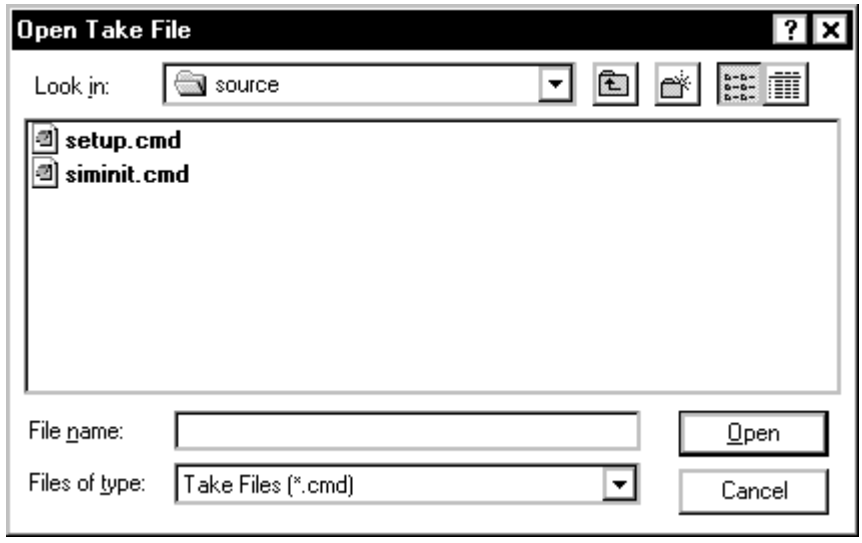
pause

When the debugger or PDM reads this command in a batch file or during a flow control command segment, the debugger/PDM stops execution and displays a dialog box. To continue processing, click OK or press ↵.

Executing a batch file

Once you create a batch file, you can tell the debugger to read and execute or *take* its commands from the batch file (also known as a *take* file). To do so, follow these steps:

1) From the File menu, select Execute Take File. This displays the Open Take File dialog box:



2) Select the file that you want to execute. To do so, you might need to change the working directory.

3) Click Open.

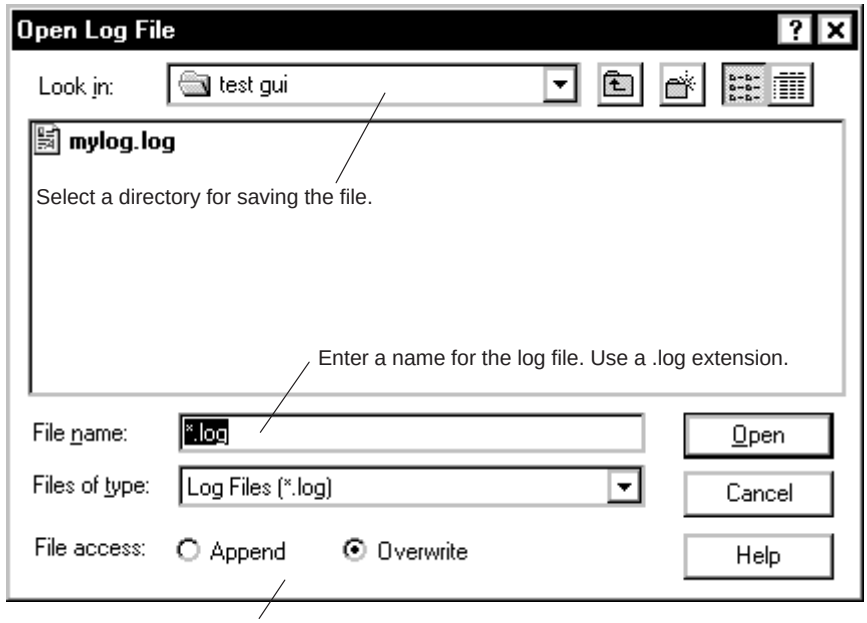
This causes the debugger to read and execute the commands in the batch file. To halt the debugger's execution of a batch file, press ESC.

3.4 Using a Log File to Reexecute a Series of Commands

The information shown in the display area of the Command window can be written to a log file. The log file is a system file that contains commands you have entered from the command line, from the toolbar, from the menus, or with function keys. The log file also contains the results from commands and error or progress messages. The debugger automatically precedes all error or progress messages and command results with a semicolon to turn them into comments. This way, you can reexecute the commands in your log file by using the File→Execute Take File menu option. (For information about creating a log file in PDM, see page 10-10.) You can view the log file with any text editor.

To begin a recording session, follow these steps:

1) From the File menu, select Open→Log File. This displays the Open Log File dialog box:



2) Select the directory where you want the file to be saved.

3) Select the name for the log file:

   a) If you are creating a new file, enter a name in the File name field. Use a .log extension to identify the file as a log file.

      Click Open.

   b) If you are using a file that already exists, select the name in the file list.

In the File access field, select one of the following actions:

- Append to add the log information to an existing file
- Overwrite to write over the contents of an existing file

Click Open.

The debugger records all commands that you enter from the command line, from the toolbar, from the menus, or with function keys.

To end the recording session, from the File menu, select Close→Log File.

Chapter 4

Defining a Memory Map

Before you begin a debugging session, you must supply the debugger with a memory map. The memory map tells the debugger which areas of memory it can and cannot access. The memory map is the only means for the 'C54x emulator to distinguish between program and data memory.

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4.1 The Memory Map: What It Is and Why You Must Define It

A memory map tells the debugger which areas of memory it can and cannot access. The memory map is the only way that the 'C54x emulator is able to distinguish between program and data memory. Memory maps vary, depending on the application being used. Typically, the memory map matches the MEMORY definition found in your linker command file.

Note:

When the debugger compares memory accesses to the memory map, it performs this checking in software, not hardware. The debugger cannot prevent your program from attempting to access nonexistent memory.

A special default initialization batch file included with the debugger package defines a memory map for your version of the debugger. This memory map may be sufficient when you initially begin using the debugger, but may need to be altered at a later time. The debugger enables you to modify the default memory map or define a new memory map either interactively (as described in section 4.2 on page 4-4) or by defining the memory map in a batch file (as described in section 4.5 on page 4-11).

Potential memory map problems

You may experience these problems if the memory map is not correctly defined and enabled:

- **Accessing invalid memory addresses.** If you do not supply a batch file containing memory-map commands, the debugger is initially unable to access any target memory locations. Invalid memory addresses and their contents are displayed in red in the data-display windows by default.
- **Accessing an undefined or protected area.** When memory mapping is enabled, the debugger checks each of its memory accesses against the memory map. If you attempt to access an undefined or protected area, the debugger displays an error message.

- **Loading a COFF file with sections that cross a memory range.** Be sure that the map ranges you specify in a COFF file match those that you defined in a batch file or with the Memory Map Control dialog box. Alternatively, you can turn memory mapping off during a load by disabling memory mapping (as described in section 4.3 on page 4-8). When mapping is turned off, you can still access memory locations.

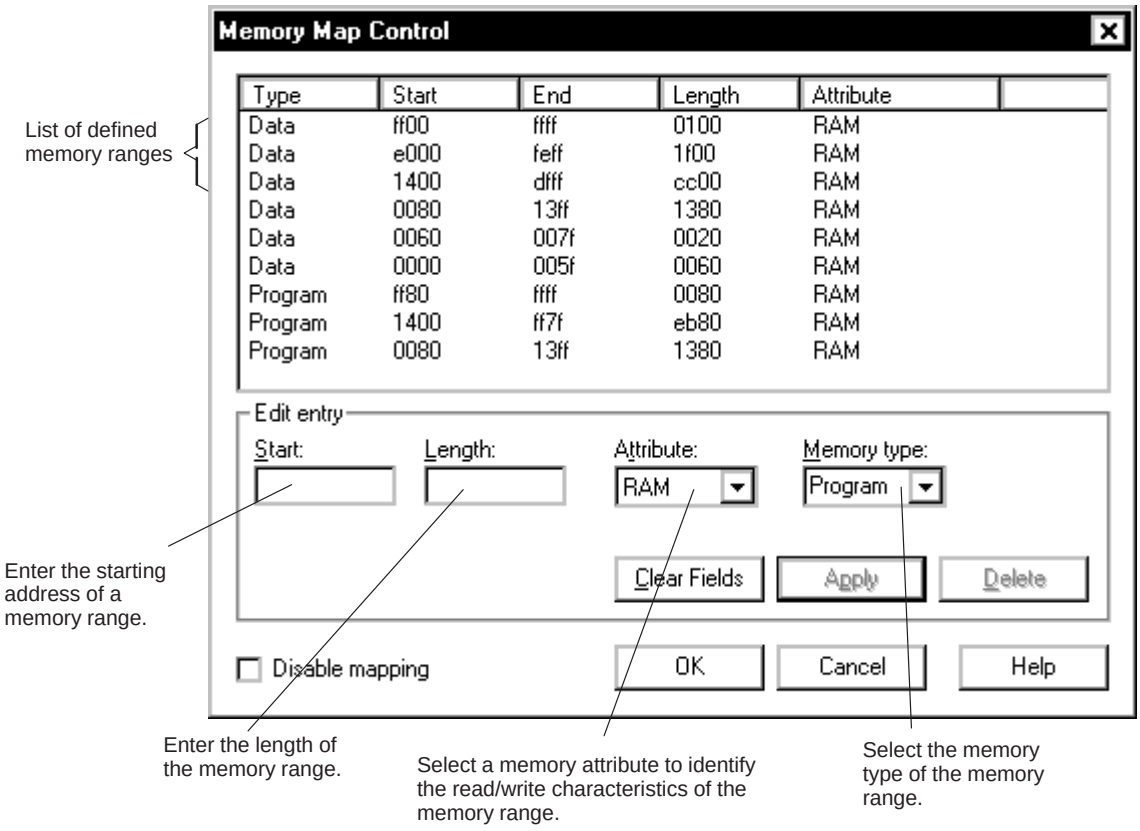
- **Accessing conflict and extra cycles (simulator only).** If two memory read access requests come simultaneously during an execution, you may be unable to complete both requests within the same clock cycle. If both locations belong to the same physical memory block and the block is single-access memory, both requests cannot be processed within the same clock cycle.

Note:

If the emulator accesses an illegal or reserved memory location, it posts an error in the EMIF (external memory interface) control register and returns 0 as the data.

4.2 Creating or Modifying the Memory Map

To identify valid ranges of target memory, select Memory Maps from the Configure menu. This displays the Memory Map Control dialog box:



Adding a range of memory

To add a range of memory, follow these steps:

1) From the Configure menu, select Memory Maps. This displays the Memory Map Control dialog box.

2) In the Memory Type field, select program or data memory.

3) In the Start field, enter the starting address for a memory range. This parameter can be an absolute address, any C expression, the name of a C function, or an assembly language label. If you want to specify a hex address, be sure to prefix the address number with **0x**; otherwise, the debugger treats the number as a decimal address.

4) In the Length field, enter the length of the memory range. The length can be any C expression.

5) In the Attribute field, select a memory type to identify the read/write characteristics of the memory range.

6) Click Apply.

7) Click OK.

The following restrictions apply to identifying usable memory ranges:

- A new memory range cannot overlap an existing entry. If you define a range that overlaps an existing range, the debugger ignores the new range.
- The map ranges that you specify in a COFF file must match those that you define with the Memory Map Control dialog box.
- The origin and length values for a range that you define with the MEMORY directive in your linker command file must match the Start and Length values for the same range in the Memory Map Control dialog box.

Creating a customized memory type

The Attribute drop list in the Memory Map Control dialog box allows you to select from several predefined memory types such as RAM or ROM. If the predefined memory types do not apply to your memory range, you can create a customized memory type.

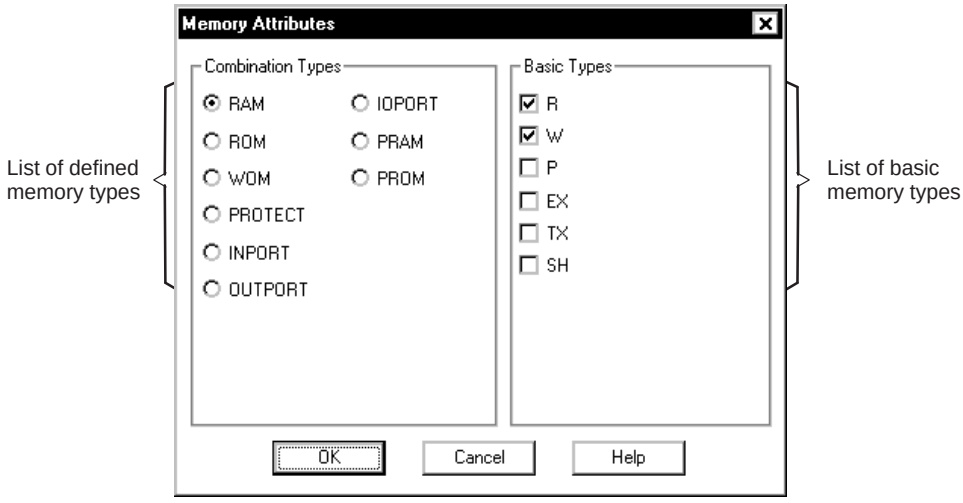
To create a customized memory type, follow these steps:

1) From the Configure menu, select Memory Maps. This displays the Memory Map Control dialog box.

2) In the Start field, enter the starting address for the memory range you want to customize. This parameter can be an absolute address, any C expression, the name of a C function, or an assembly language label. If you want to specify a hex address, be sure to prefix the address number with **0x**; otherwise, the debugger treats the number as a decimal address.

3) In the Length field, enter the length of the memory range. The length can be any C expression.

4) From the Attribute drop list, select Custom.... The Memory Attributes dialog box appears.



5) From the Basic Memory Type column, select the individual memory attribute that you want to apply to the memory range that you are adding.

Mnemonic	Basic Memory Type
R	Readable
W	Writable
P	I/O port
EX	External
TX	Text
SH	Shared

6) Click OK. This closes the Memory Attributes dialog box and applies the customized memory attributes to the memory range in the Memory Map Control dialog box.

7) Add other memory ranges as needed, then click OK to close the Memory Map Control dialog box.

Deleting a range of memory

To delete a range of memory, follow these steps:

1) Select Memory Maps from the Configure menu. This displays the Memory Map Control dialog box.

2) From the list of defined ranges at the top of the dialog box, select the range that you want to delete.

3) Click Delete.

4) Click OK.

Modifying a defined range of memory

To modify a defined range of memory, follow these steps:

1) Select Memory Maps from the Configure menu. This displays the Memory Map Control dialog box.

2) From the list of defined ranges at the top of the dialog box, select the range that you want to modify.

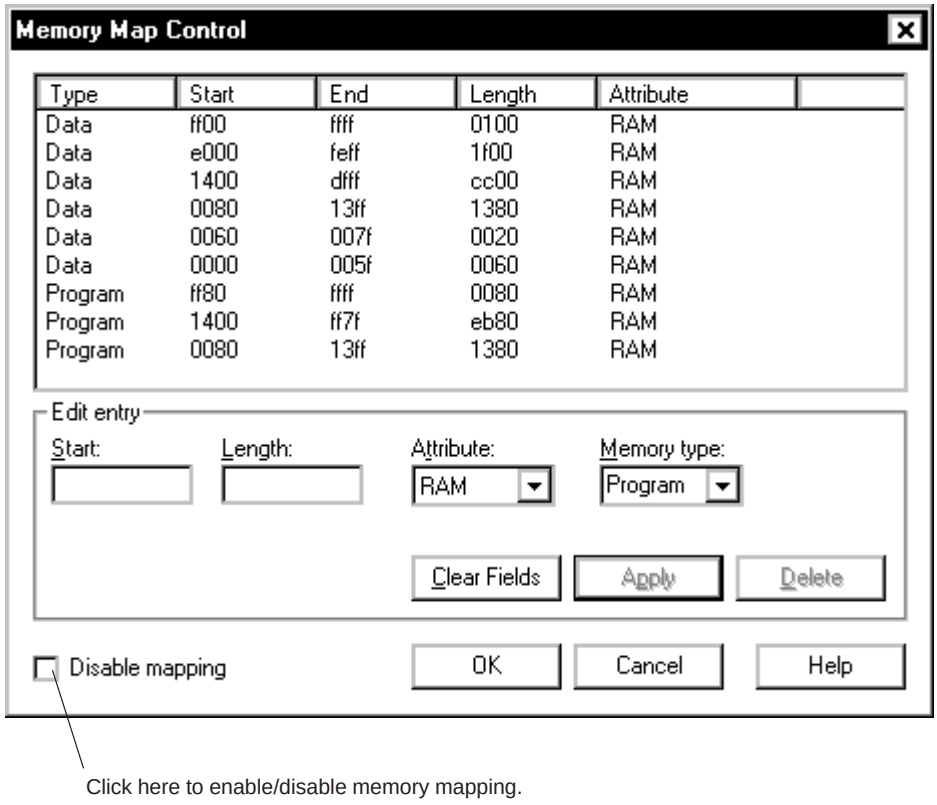
3) In the Memory Type, Start, Length, and/or Attribute fields, make the appropriate changes.

4) Click Apply.

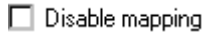
5) Click OK.

4.3 Enabling Memory Mapping

By default, mapping is enabled when you invoke the debugger. In some instances, you may want to explicitly enable or disable memory. To enable or disable memory, use the Memory Map Control dialog box. From the Configure menu, select Memory Maps to display the dialog box. In the lower left corner of the dialog box, there is an option for disabling memory mapping:



- Memory mapping is enabled when the box is empty:



- Memory mapping is disabled when the box is checked:

Disabling memory mapping can cause bus fault problems in the target because the debugger may attempt to access nonexistent memory.

When you disable memory mapping with the simulator, you can still access memory locations. However, the debugger does not prevent you from accessing memory locations that you have not defined as valid in the memory map.

When you disable memory mapping with the emulator, only memory linked to the text section is downloaded over the program bus.

Note:

When memory mapping is enabled, you cannot:

- ❑ Access memory locations that are not listed in the Memory Control dialog box
- ❑ Modify the contents of memory areas that are defined as read only or protected

If you attempt to access memory in these situations, the debugger displays this message in the display area of the Command window:

```
Error in expression
```

4.4 A Sample Memory Map

Because you must define a memory map before you can run programs, it is convenient to define the memory map in the initialization batch files. Figure 4–1 (a) shows the memory map that is defined in the initialization batch file that accompanies the ’C54x simulator. You can use the file as is, edit it, or create your own memory map batch file to match your own configuration. You can also define the memory map after you have invoked the debugger with the Memory Map Control dialog box (see section 4.2 on page 4-4).

If you are defining the memory map in a batch file, you can use MA (map add) commands to define valid memory ranges and identify the read/write characteristics of the memory ranges. (For more information about the MA command, see section 4.5 on page 4-11.) By default, mapping is enabled when you invoke the debugger. Figure 4–1 illustrates the memory map defined by the MA commands in Figure 4–1 (a).

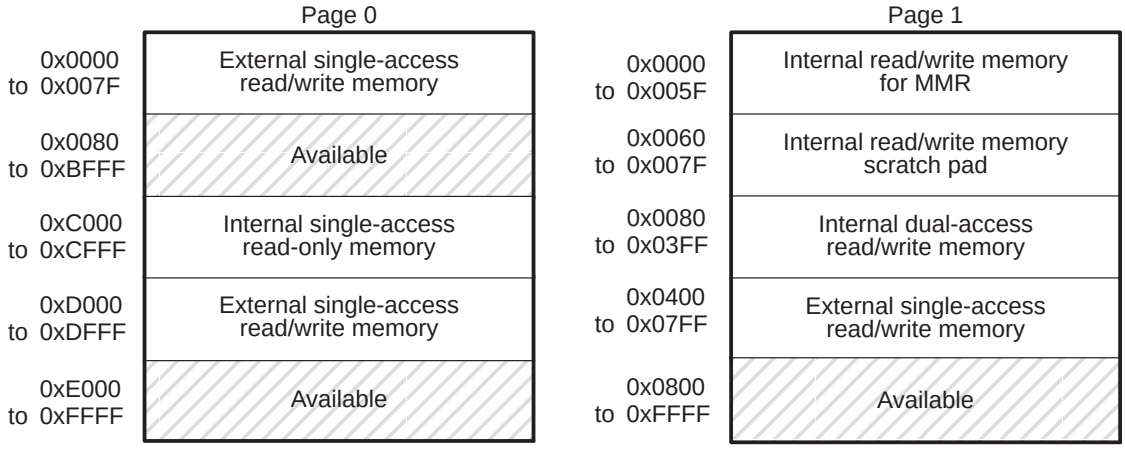
Figure 4–1. Sample Memory Map for Use With a TMS320C54x Simulator

(a) Memory map commands

```
ma 0x0000, 0, 0x80,   EX|RAM
ma 0xc000, 0, 0x1000, ROM
ma 0xd000, 0, 0x1000, EX|RAM

ma 0x0000, 1, 0x0060, RAM
ma 0x0060, 1, 0x0020, RAM
ma 0x0080, 1, 0x0380, RAM
ma 0x0400, 1, 0x0400, EX|RAM
```

(b) Memory map for TMS320C54x local memory



4.5 Defining and Executing a Memory Map in a Batch File

You can create a batch file that contains memory map commands. This provides you with a convenient way to define a memory for each debugging session. You can define the memory map in the initialization batch file, which executes when you invoke the debugger, or you can define the memory map in a separate batch file of your own that you can execute using the File→ Execute Take File menu option or the –t debugger option.

Defining a memory map in a batch file

To define a memory map in a batch file, use the MA command. The syntax for this command is:

ma *address, page*, *length, type*

- The *address* parameter defines the starting address of a range. This parameter can be an absolute address, any C expression, the name of a C function, or an assembly language label. If you want to specify a hex address, be sure to prefix the address number with **0x**; otherwise, the debugger treats the number as a decimal address.
- The *page* parameter is a one-digit number that identifies the type of memory (program or data) that a range occupies:

To identify this page . . .	Use this value as the *page* parameter . . .
Program memory	0
Data memory	1
I/O space	2

- The *length* parameter defines the length of the range. This parameter can be any C expression.
- The *type* parameter identifies the read/write characteristics of the memory range. The *type* must be one of these keywords:

To identify this kind of memory . . .	Use this keyword as the *type* parameter . . .
Read-only memory	**R** or **ROM**
Write-only memory	**W** or **WOM**
Read/write memory	**R|W** or **RAM**
Read/write external memory	**RAM|EX** or **R|W|EX**
Read-only peripheral frame	**P|R**
Read/write peripheral frame	**P|R|W**

The memory ranges that you define have the same restrictions as those defined for the Configure→Memory Maps menu option described in section 4.2 on page 4-4.

Notes:

1) The debugger caches memory that is not defined as a port type (P|R, P|W, or P|R|W). For ranges that you do not want cached, be sure to map them as ports.

2) Be sure that the map ranges that you specify in a COFF file match those that you define with the MA command. A command sequence such as:

   ```
   ma x,0,y,ram; ma x+y,0,z,ram
   ```

   doesn't equal

   ```
   ma x,0,y+z,ram
   ```

   If you plan to load a COFF block that spans the length of y + z, you should use the second MA command example. Alternatively, you can turn memory mapping off during a load by disabling the memory map (see Section 4.3, page 4-8).

3) Although the address range for both of the following MA commands is the same (0x0400 to 0x0800), one range is internal and the other range is external.

   ```
   ma 0x0400, 0, 0x0800,  ROM
   ma 0x0400, 0, 0x0800,  EX|ROM
   ```

   When the simulator is operating in microcomputer mode, the internal program ROM is accessed. When the simulator is running in microprocessor mode, the external program memory module is used.

Defining a memory map using cache capabilities

Unlike the emulator and EVM, the 'C54x simulator has memory cache capabilities that allow you to allocate as much memory as you need. However, to use memory cache capabilities effectively with the 'C54x, do not allocate more than 20K words of memory in your memory map. For example, the following memory map allocates 64K words of 'C54x program memory.

Example 4–1. Sample Memory Map for the TMS320C54x Using Memory Cache Capabilities

```
MA 0,0,0x5000,R|W
MA 0x5000,0,0x5000,R|W
MA 0xa000,0,0x5000,R|W
MA 0xf000,0,0x1000,R|W
```

The simulator creates temporary files in a separate directory on your disk. For example, when you enter an MA (memory add) command, the simulator creates a temporary file in the root directory of your current disk. Therefore, if you are currently running your simulator on the C drive, temporary files are placed in the C:\ directory. This prevents the processor from running out of memory space while you are executing the simulator.

Note:

If you execute the simulator from a floppy drive (for example, drive A), the temporary files are created in the A:\ directory.

All temporary files are deleted when you leave the simulator via the QUIT command. If, however, you exit the simulator with a soft reboot of your computer, the temporary files are not deleted; you must delete these files manually. (Temporary files usually have numbers for names.)

Your memory map is now restricted only by your PC's capabilities. As a result, there should be sufficient free space on your disk to run any memory map you want to use. If you use the MA command to allocate 20K words (40K bytes) of memory in your memory map, then your disk should have at least 40K bytes of free space available. To do this, you can enter:

```
ma 0x0, 0, 0x5000, ram
```

Note:

You can also use the memory cache capability feature for the data memory.

Executing a memory map batch file

To execute the batch file, use one of these methods:

- ❑ Use the File→Execute Take File... menu option from within the debugger environment.
- ❑ Use the –t debugger option to specify the batch file when you invoke the debugger. For more information, see page 2-13.
- ❑ Use the TAKE command. For more information, see section 3.3, *Creating and Executing a Batch File*, on page 3-7.

When you invoke the debugger, it follows these steps to find the batch file that defines your memory map:

1) It checks to see whether you have used the –t debugger option. The –t option allows you to specify a batch file other than the initialization batch file

shipped with the debugger. If it finds the –t option, the debugger reads and executes the specified file.

2) If you do not use the –t option, the debugger looks for the default initialization batch file. The batch filename for the simulator is called siminit.cmd. The batch filename for the emulator is called emuinit.cmd. The batch filename for the EVM is called evminit.cmd. If the debugger finds the proper initialization batch file, it reads and executes the file.

3) If the debugger does not find the –t option or the initialization batch file, it looks for a file called init.cmd.

   This search mechanism allows you to have a single initialization batch file that works for more than one debugger tool. To set up this file, you can use the IF/ELSE/ENDIF commands (for more information, see *Executing commands conditionally in a batch file* on page 3-8) to indicate which memory map applies to each tool. If the debugger finds the file, it reads and executes the file.

4.6 Customizing the Memory Map

The customizable ’C54x (cDSP) debugger allows you maximum flexibility in configuring a memory map. Because the size and address of the memory map is not fixed in the debugger, you can select any amount of ROM or RAM internally, externally, or both.

The following example shows how you can have both RAM and ROM mapped to the same address:

```
ma 0xc000, 0, 0x1000, R          ;Internal Program ROM

ma 0xc000, 0, 0x1000, R|W|EX     ;External Program ROM
```

During execution or when the debugger performs memory accesses, the block of memory accessed is based on the ’C54x MP/$\overline{\text{MC}}$ bit located in the PMST register. When this bit is set to 0, the on-chip program ROM is enabled. When it is set to 1, the off-chip program RAM is enabled.

The next example shows you two blocks of RAM, one internal and one external, mapped to the same address.

```
ma 0x0080, 0, 0x0380, R|W        ;Internal Program RAM

ma 0x0080, 0, 0x0380, R|W|EX     ;External Program RAM
```

For the preceding example, the block of memory is accessed based on the OVLY bit located in the PMST register during execution or when the debugger performs memory accesses. When this bit is set to 1, the on-chip dual-access data RAM is mapped to internal program space. When it is set to 0, the off-chip program RAM is enabled.

The debugger accesses the three types of memory (data, program ROM, and program RAM) according to the type of memory and the values of the MP/$\overline{\text{MC}}$ bits. The following table summarizes how the debugger accesses memory:

Type of Memory	Memory Access
Data	Accesses internal memory block, then external memory block
Program ROM	If MP/$\overline{\text{MC}}$ is set to 0, accesses internal memory block, then external memory block; if MP/$\overline{\text{MC}}$ is set to 1, accesses external memory block
Program RAM	If OVLY is set to 1, accesses internal memory block, then external memory block; if OVLY is set to 0, accesses external memory block

Programming your memory

Setting up your memory is easiest during the initialization process. However, you can edit your memory map while your program is running.

Use the OVLY and MP/$\overline{MC}$ bits of the status/PMST registers to set the amount of external and internal program memory you need. The values for the OVLY and MP/$\overline{MC}$ bits are as follows:

- OVLY bit

  0 = external program memory (RAM)

  1 = internal program memory (RAM)

- MP/$\overline{MC}$ bit

  0 = internal program memory (ROM)

  1 = external program memory (ROM)

You can edit the the values of the OVLY and MP/$\overline{MC}$ bits by using the debugger or by programming the PMST register. To edit the values of these bits, scroll down the CPU window until you see the PMST register. The CPU window is editable; you can enter the values for each bit.

4.7 Returning to the Original Memory Map

If you modify the memory map during a debugging session, you may want to go back to the original memory map without quitting and reinvoking the debugger. You can do this by resetting the memory map and then using the File→Execute Take File menu option to read in your original memory map from a batch file.

Suppose, for example, that you set up your memory map in a batch file named *mem.map*. You can follow these steps to go back to this map:

1) From the command line, enter **mr** ↵ to reset the memory map.

2) From the File menu, select Execute Take File.

3) From the Open Take File dialog box, select mem.map to reread the default memory map.

The MR command resets the memory map. (You could put the MR command in the batch file, preceding the commands that define the memory map.) The File→Execute Take File menu option tells the debugger to execute commands from the specified batch file.

4.8 Using Multiple Memory Maps for Multiple Target Systems

If you are debugging multiple applications, you may need a memory map for each target system. Here is the simplest method for handling this situation.

1) Let the initialization batch file define the memory map for one of your applications.

2) Create a separate batch file that defines the memory map for the additional target system. The filename is unimportant, but for the purposes of this example, assume that the file is named *filename.x*. The general format of this file's contents is:

mr	*Reset the memory map*
MA commands	*Define the new memory map*
map on	*Enable mapping*

   This sequence of commands resets the memory map, defines a new memory map, and enables mapping. (Of course, you can include any other appropriate commands in this batch file.)

3) Invoke the debugger as usual.

4) The debugger reads the initialization batch file during invocation. Before you begin debugging, read in the commands from the new batch file using the File→Execute Take File menu option.

   This redefines the memory map for the current debugging session.

You can also use the –t option when you invoke the debugger instead of the File→Execute Take File menu option. The –t option allows you to specify a new batch file to be used instead of the default initialization batch file.

Chapter 5

Loading and Displaying Code

The main purpose of a debugging system is to allow you to load and run your programs in a test environment. This chapter tells you how to load your programs into the debugging environment, run them on the target system, and view the associated source code.

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5.1 Loading and Displaying Assembly Language Code

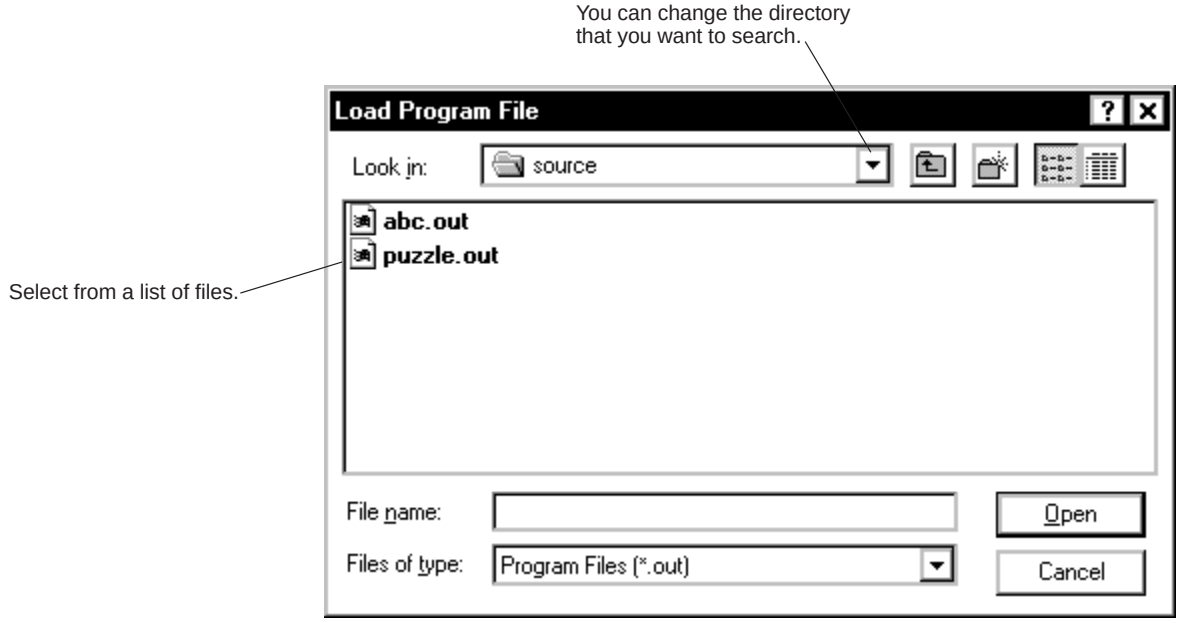
To debug a program, you must load the program's object code into memory. You create an object file by compiling, assembling, and linking your source files; see section 2.1, *Preparing Your Program for Debugging*, on page 2-2.

After you invoke the debugger, you can load object code and/or the symbol table associated with an object file.

Loading an object file and its symbol table

To load both an object file and its associated symbol table, follow these steps:

1) From the File menu, select Load→Load Program. This displays the Load Program File dialog box:



2) Select the file that you want to open. To do so, you might need to change the working directory.

3) Click Open.

Loading an object file without its symbol table

You can load an object file *without* loading its associated symbol table. This is useful for reloading a program when memory has been corrupted.

To load an object file without its symbol table, select Reload Program from the File menu. The debugger reloads the file that you loaded last but does not load the symbol table.

If you want to load a new file without loading its associated symbol table, use the RELOAD command. The format for this command is:

reload *object filename*

Loading a symbol table only

You can load a symbol table without loading an object file. This is most useful in an emulation environment in which the debugger cannot, or need not, load the object code (for example, if the code is in ROM). In such an environment, loading the symbol table allows you to perform symbolic debugging and examine the values of C variables.

To load only a symbol table, select Load Symbols from the File menu. This displays the Load Symbols from File dialog box.

The File→Load→Program Symbols menu option clears the existing symbol table before loading the new one but does not modify memory or set the program entry point.

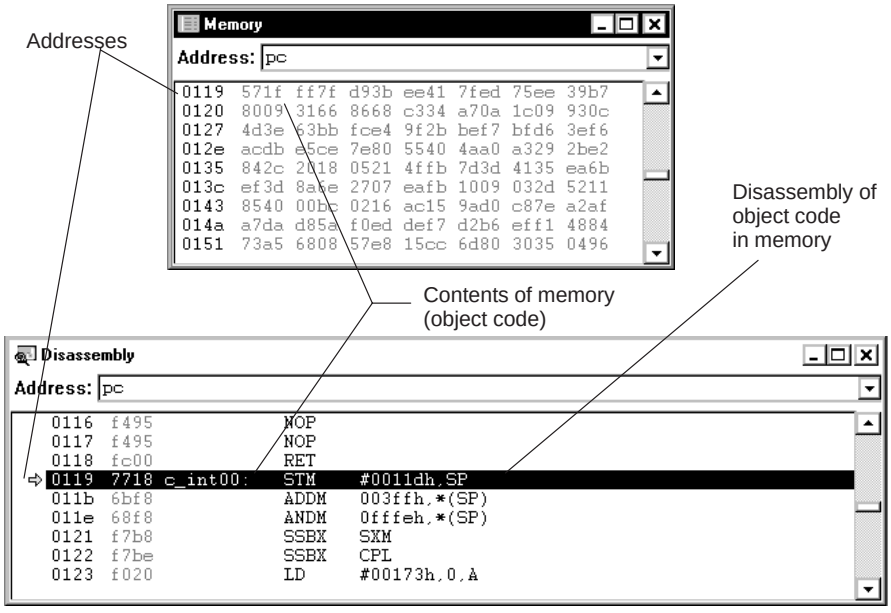
Loading code while invoking the debugger

You can load an object file when you invoke the debugger. (This has the same effect as using the File→Load→Load Program menu option described on page 5-2.) To do this, enter the appropriate debugger-invocation command along with the name of the object file.

If you want to load only a file's symbol table when you invoke the debugger, use the –s option. (This option has the same effect as using the File→Load→Program Symbols menu option.) To do this, enter the appropriate debugger-invocation command along with the name of the object file and specify –s (see page 2-13 for more information).

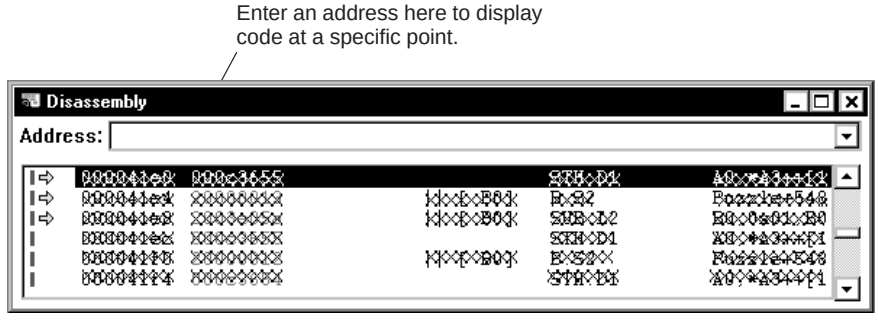
Displaying portions of disassembly

The assembly language code in the Disassembly window is the reverse assembly of program-memory contents. This code does not come from any of your text files or from the intermediate assembly files produced by the compiler.


Addresses
Memory
Address: pc
0119 571f ff7f d93b ee41 7fed 75ee 39b7
0120 8009 3166 8668 c334 a70a 1c09 930c
0127 4d3e 63bb fce4 9f2b bef7 bfd6 3ef6
012e acdb e5ce 7e80 5540 4aa0 a329 2be2
0135 842c 2818 0521 4ffb 7d3d 4135 ea6b
013c ef3d 8a5e 2707 eafb 1009 032d 5211
0143 8540 00bc 0216 ac15 9ad0 c87e a2af
014a a7da d85a f0ed def7 d2b6 eff1 4884
0151 73a5 6808 57e8 15cc 6d80 3035 0496
Disassembly of object code in memory
Contents of memory (object code)
Disassembly
Address: pc
0116 f495 NOP
0117 f495 NOP
0118 fc00 RET
0119 7718 c_int00: STM #0011dh,SP
011b 6bf8 ADDM 003ffh,*(SP)
011e 68f8 ANDM 0fffeh,*(SP)
0121 f7b8 SSBX SXM
0122 f7be SSBX CPL
0123 f020 LD #00173h,0,A

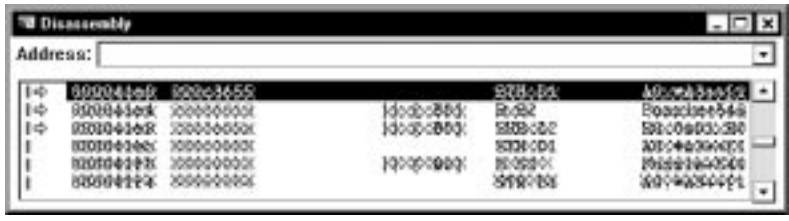
When you invoke the debugger, it comes up in auto mode. If you load an object file when you invoke the debugger, the Disassembly window displays the reverse assembly of the object file that is loaded into memory. If you do not load an object file, the Disassembly window shows the reverse assembly of whatever is in memory, which may not be useful.

To display code beginning at a specific point, enter a new starting address in the Address field of the Disassembly window:



If you want to specify a hex address, be sure to prefix the address number with **0x**; otherwise, the debugger treats the number as a decimal address.

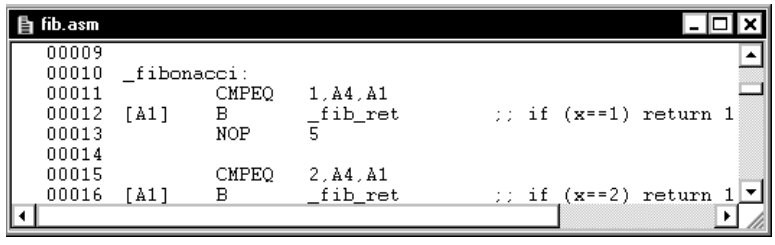
You can also move through the contents of the Disassembly window by using the scroll bar. Because the Disassembly window shows the reverse assembly of memory contents, the scroll-bar handle is displayed in the middle of the scroll bar. The middle of the reverse assembly is defined as the most recent address or function name that you entered with the DASM command or in the Disassembly window's Address field. You can scroll up or down to see 1K bytes of reverse assembly on either side of the most recent address or function that you entered.



You can scroll through 1K bytes of reverse assembly above or below the scroll bar handle.

Displaying assembly source code

If you assemble your code with the –g assembler option, the debugger displays the contents of your assembly source file in the File window, in addition to displaying the reverse assembly of memory contents in the Disassembly window. This allows you to view all assembly source comments and true assembly statements:



5.2 Displaying C Code

Unlike the assembly language code displayed in the Disassembly window, C code is not reconstructed from memory contents—the C code that you view is your original C source. You can display C code explicitly or implicitly:

- ❏ You can force the debugger to show C source by opening a C file or by entering the FUNC or ADDR command.
- ❏ In auto and mixed modes, the debugger automatically opens a File window if you are currently running C code.

Displaying the contents of a text file

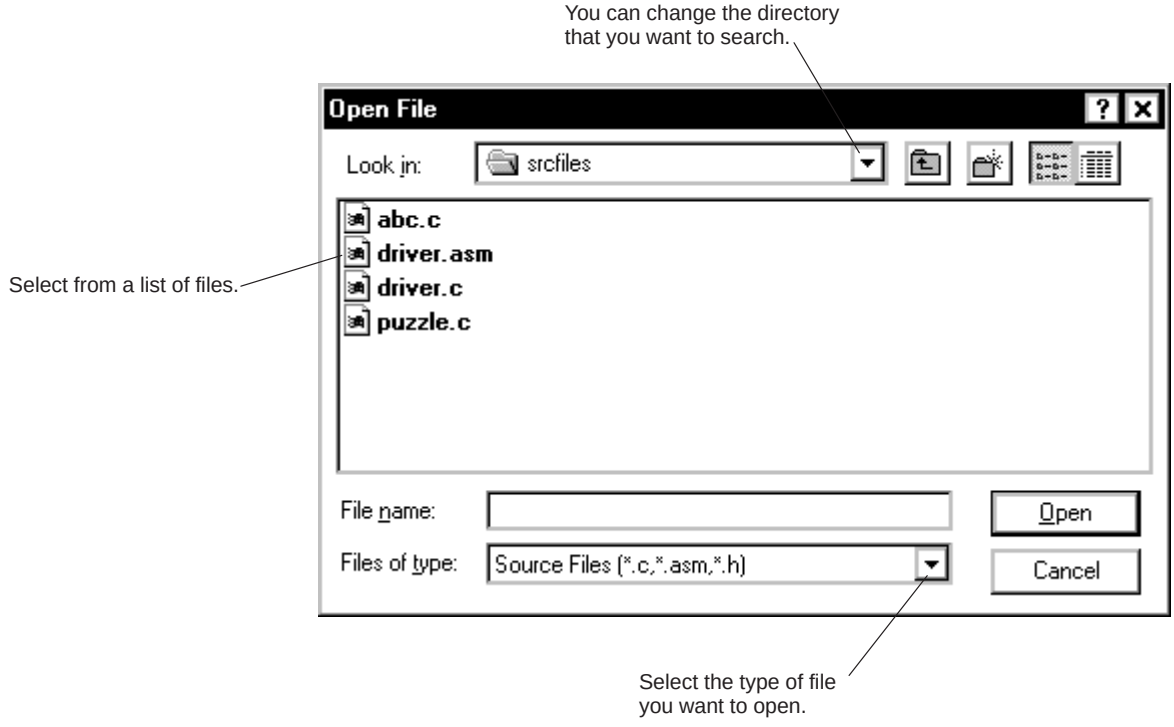
To display the contents of any text file, follow these steps:

1) Use one of these methods to open the Open File dialog box:

   ❏ Click the Open icon on the toolbar:

   ❏ From the File menu, select Open→Source File.

   This displays the Open File dialog box:



2) Select the file that you want to open. To do so, you might need to do one or more of the following actions:

   ❏ Change the working directory.
   ❏ Select the type of file that you want to open (for example, .c, .h).

3) Click Open.

The debugger opens a File window that contains the file that you selected. Although this command is most useful for viewing C code, you can use the Open File dialog box for displaying any text file. You might, for example, want to examine system files such as autoexec.bat or an initialization batch file. You can also view your original assembly language source files in the File window if you assemble your code with the –g assembler option. For every file that you open, the debugger displays the file in a new File window.

Displaying a C file *does not* load that file's object code. If you want to be able to run the program, you must load the file's associated object code as described in section 5.1, *Loading and Displaying Assembly Language Code*, on page 5-2.

Displaying a specific C function

To display a specific C function, use the FUNC command. The syntax for this command is:

func {*function name* | *address*}

FUNC modifies the display so that the code associated with the function or address that you specify is displayed within a File window. If you supply an *address* instead of a *function name*, the File window displays the function containing *address* and places the cursor at that line.

You can also use the functions in the Calls window to display a specific C function. This is similar to the FUNC or ADDR command but applies only to the functions listed in the Calls window. Choose one of these methods to display a function listed in the Calls window:

❏ Single-click the name of the C function.
❏ Select the name of the C function and press F9.

Displaying code beginning at a specific point

To display C or assembly code beginning at a specific point, use the ADDR command. The syntax for this command is:

addr {*address* | *function name*}

In a C display, ADDR works like the FUNC command, positioning the code starting at *address* or at *function name* as the first line of code in the File window. In mixed mode, ADDR affects both the File and Disassembly windows.

Chapter 6

Running Code

To debug your programs, you must execute them on a debugging tool (the emulator or simulator). The debugger provides two basic types of commands to help you run your code:

- Basic *run commands* run your code without updating the display until you explicitly halt execution.
- *Single-step* commands execute assembly language or C code one statement at a time and update the display after each execution.

This chapter describes the basic run commands and the single-step commands, tells you how to halt program execution, and discusses software breakpoints.

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6.1 Defining the Starting Point for Program Execution

All run and single-step commands begin executing from the current program counter (PC). When you load an object file, the PC is automatically set to the starting point for program execution. You can easily identify the current PC by:

- ❏ Finding its entry in the CPU window
- ❏ Finding the line in the File or Disassembly window that has a yellow arrow next to it. To do this, execute one of these commands:

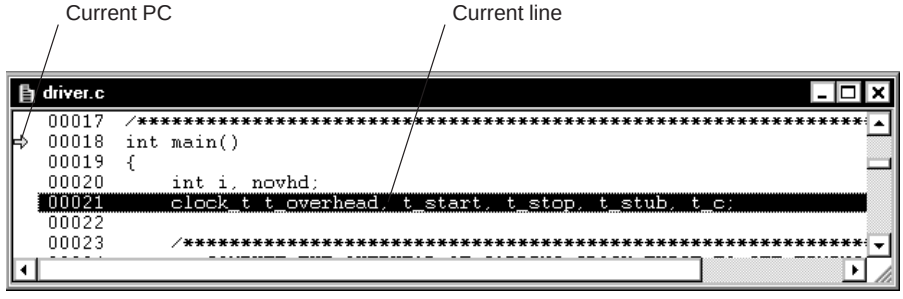
  dasm PC
  or
  addr PC

Sometimes you may want to modify the PC to point to a different position in your program. Choose one of these methods:

- ❏ If you executed some code and plan to rerun the program from the original program entry point, click the Restart icon on the toolbar:

  Alternatively, you can select Restart from the Debug menu.

- ❏ Set the PC to the current line in the File or Disassembly window. The current line is highlighted in the display:



To set the PC to the current line in the File or Disassembly window, follow these steps:

1) Open the context menu for the window. (For more information, see page 1-6.)

2) Select Set PC to Cursor from the context menu.

❑ Modify the PC's contents with one of these commands:

?PC = *new value*
or
eval pc = *new value*

❑ Modify the value of the PC in the CPU window. (For more information about changing values the displayed in the CPU window, see section 7.3, *Basic Methods for Changing Data Values*, on page 7-5.)

6.2 Using the Basic Run Commands

The debugger provides a basic set of run commands that allow you to do the following:

- ❏ Run an entire program
- ❏ Run code up to a specific point in a program
- ❏ Run code in the current C function
- ❏ Run code through breakpoints
- ❏ Run code while disconnected from the target system

You can also use the debugger to reset the target system (emulator only) or simulator.

Running an entire program

To run the entire program, use one of these methods:

- ❏ Click the Run icon on the toolbar:

- ❏ From the Debug menu, select Run.
- ❏ Press F5 .
- ❏ From the command line, enter the RUN command. The format for this command is:

  run [*expression*]

  If you supply a logical or relational *expression*, the RUN command becomes a conditional run (see section 6.4 on page 6-11).

  If you supply any other type of *expression*, the debugger treats the expression as a *count* parameter. The debugger executes *count* instructions, halts, then updates the display.

When you run the entire program using one of these methods and do not supply an expression, the program executes until one of the following events occurs:

- ❏ The debugger encounters a breakpoint. (For more information about how breakpoints affect a conditional run, see section 6.4 on page 6-11.)
- ❏ You click the Halt icon on the toolbar:

- ❏ You select Halt! from the Debug menu.
- ❏ You press ESC .

Running code up to a specific point in a program

You can execute code up to a specific point in your program by using the GO command. The format for this command is:

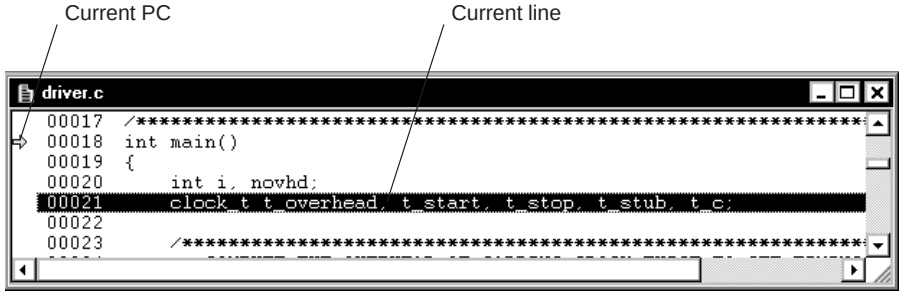
go [*address*]

If you do not supply an *address* parameter, the program executes until one of the following events occurs:

- ❏ The debugger encounters a breakpoint.
- ❏ You click the Halt icon on the toolbar:

- ❏ You select Halt! from the Debug menu.
- ❏ You press ESC.

You can also execute code from the current PC to the current line in the File or Disassembly window. The current line is highlighted in the display:



To run code from the current PC to the current line in the File or Disassembly window, follow these steps:

- ❏ Open the context menu for the window. (For more information, see page 1-6.)
- ❏ Select Run to Cursor from the context menu.

Running the code in the current C function

You can execute the code in the current C function and halt when execution returns to the function's caller. To do so, use one of these methods:

- ❏ Click the Return icon on the toolbar:

- ❏ From the Debug menu, select Return.

Breakpoints do not affect this command, but you can halt execution by doing one of the following:

- ❏ Click the Halt icon on the toolbar:

- ❏ From the Debug menu, select Halt!.
- ❏ Press ESC.

Running code while disconnected from the target system (emulator only)

Use the RUNF command to disconnect the emulator from the target system while code is executing.

When you use the RUNF command, the debugger clears all breakpoints, disconnects the emulator from the target system, and causes the processor to begin execution at the current PC. You can quit the debugger, or you can continue to enter commands. However, any command that causes the debugger to access the target at this time produces an error.

The Run Free option is useful in a multiprocessor system. It is also useful in systems in which several target systems share an emulator; Run Free enables you to disconnect the emulator from one system and connect it to another.

Running code through breakpoints

You can use the debugger to execute code and run through breakpoints. This is referred to as a *continuous run*. When a breakpoint is encountered during a continuous run, execution does not halt. Instead, the debugger updates the display when a breakpoint is encountered.

To execute a continuous run, select Continuous Run from the Debug menu.

To halt a continuous run, use one of the methods described in section 6.6 on page 6-13.

Resetting the emulator

You can use the debugger to reset the target system by using a reset command.To execute a reset, select Reset Target from the Debug menu.

6.3 Single-Stepping Through Code

Single-step execution is similar to running a program that has a breakpoint set on each line. The debugger executes one statement, updates the display, and halts execution. (You can supply a parameter that tells the debugger to single-step continuously; the debugger updates the display after each statement is executed.) You can single-step through assembly language code or C code.

The debugger supports several commands for single-stepping through a program. Command execution can vary, depending on whether you are single-stepping through C code or assembly language code.

Each of the single-step commands in this section has an optional *expression* parameter that works like this:

- If you do not supply an *expression*, the program executes a single statement, then halts.
- If you supply a logical or relational *expression*, the program treats the expression as a conditional single-step (see section 6.4 on page 6-11).
- If you supply any other type of *expression*, the debugger treats the expression as a *count* parameter. The debugger single-steps *count* assembly language statements unless you are currently in C code. If you are currently in C code, the debugger single-steps *count* C statements.

Single-stepping through assembly language or C code

The debugger has a basic single-step command that allows you to single-step through assembly language or C code. If you are currently in assembly language code, the debugger executes one assembly language statement at a time. If you are currently in C code, the debugger executes one C statement at a time.

If you are in mixed mode, the debugger executes one assembly language statement at a time.

To use the basic single-step command, choose one of these methods:

- ❑ Click the Step icon on the toolbar:

- ❑ From the Debug menu, select Step.
- ❑ Press F8.
- ❑ From the command line, enter the STEP command. The format for this command is:

  step [*expression*]

When you use the basic single-step command in C code and encounter a function call, the step command shows you the single-step execution of the called function (assuming that the function was compiled with the compiler's –g option). When function execution completes, single-step execution returns to the caller. If the function was not compiled with the –g option, the debugger executes the function but does not show single-step execution of the function.

For more information about the compiler's –g option, see the *TMS320C54x Optimizing C Compiler User's Guide*.

Single-stepping through C code

The basic single-step command, described in the *Single-stepping through assembly language or C code* section, always executes one statement at a time—no matter whether you are in assembly language code or in C code. If you want to single-step in terms of a C statement and execute all assembly language statements associated with a single C statement before updating the display, use the C single-step command. To use the C single-step command, choose one of these methods:

- ❑ Click the Single Step C icon on the toolbar:

- ❑ From the Debug menu, select Step C.
- ❑ Press CONTROL F8.
- ❑ From the command line, enter the CSTEP command. The format for this command is:

  cstep [*expression*]

Continuously stepping through code

You can use the debugger to watch your code as it executes. You can step through code continuously until the debugger reaches a breakpoint. This is referred to as a *continuous step*. When a breakpoint is encountered during a continuous step, execution halts.

To execute a continuous step, select Continuous Step from the Debug menu.

If no breakpoints are set, you can halt a continuous step by using one of the methods described in section 6.6 on page 6-13.

Single-stepping through code and stepping over C functions

Besides single-stepping through *all* code with the basic single-step commands, you can single-step through assembly language or C code and step *over* function calls. This type of single-stepping always steps to the *next* consecutive statement and never shows the execution of called functions. You can use the *next* single-step command in one of two ways:

- To use the next single-step command and single-step in terms of assembly language or C statements (similar to the basic single-step command), choose one of these methods:
  - Click the Next Statement icon on the toolbar:

  - From the Debug menu, select Next.
  - Press F10.
  - From the command line, enter the NEXT command. The format for this command is:

    next [*expression*]

- To use the next single-step command and single-step in terms of C statements (similar to the C single-step command), choose one of these methods:
  - Click the Next C Statement icon on the toolbar:

  - From the Debug menu, select Next C.
  - Press CONTROL F10.
  - From the command line, enter the CNEXT command. The format for this command is:

    cnext [*expression*]

6.4 Running Code Conditionally

The RUN, STEP, CSTEP, NEXT, and CNEXT commands all have an optional *expression* parameter that can be a relational or logical expression. This type of expression uses one of the following operators as the highest precedence operator in the expression:

>	> =	<
< =	= =	! =
&&	| |	!

When you use this type of expression with these commands, the command becomes a conditional run. The debugger executes the command repeatedly for as long as the expression evaluates to true.

You must use software breakpoints with conditional runs; the expression is evaluated each time the debugger encounters a breakpoint. (Breakpoints are described in section 6.7 on page 6-14.) For single-step commands, the expression is evaluated at each statement. Each time the debugger evaluates the conditional expression, it updates the screen.

Generally, you should set the breakpoints on statements that are related in some way to the expression. For example, if you are observing a particular variable in a Watch window, you may want to set breakpoints on statements that affect that variable and to use that variable in the expression.

6.5 Benchmarking

The debugger allows you to keep track of the number of CPU clock cycles consumed by a particular section of code. The debugger maintains the count in a pseudoregister named CLK. This process is referred to as *benchmarking*.

Benchmarking code is a multiple-step process:

Step 1: Set a software breakpoint at the statement that marks the beginning of the section of code that you want to benchmark. (For more information about setting software breakpoints, see section 6.7 on page 6-14.)

Step 2: Set a software breakpoint at the statement that marks the end of the section of code that you want to benchmark.

Step 3: Enter any run command to execute code up to the first breakpoint.

Step 4: From the Debug menu, select Run Benchmark.

When the processor halts at the second breakpoint, the value of CLK is valid. To display it, use the ? command or enter it into the Watch window with the Configure→Watch Add menu option. This value is valid until you enter another run command.

Notes:

1) Run Benchmark (or RUNB command) counts CPU clock cycles from the current PC to the breakpoint. This count is not cumulative. You cannot add the number of clock cycles between points A and B to the number of cycles between points B and C to learn the number of cycles between points A and C. This situation occurs because of pipeline filling and flushing.

2) The value in CLK is valid only after using a Run Benchmark command that is terminated by a software breakpoint.

3) When programming in C, avoid using a variable named CLK.

4) The RUNB command accesses the analysis module to count CPU clock cycles. If you have set up an instruction breakpoint, the debugger halts on that breakpoint in addition to your software breakpoints.

6.6 Halting Program Execution

Whenever you are running or single-stepping code, program execution halts automatically if the debugger encounters a breakpoint or if it reaches a point at which you told it to stop (by supplying a *count* or an *address* with the RUN, GO, or any of the single-step commands). If you want to halt program execution explicitly, you can use one of these methods:

- Click the Halt icon on the toolbar:

- From the Debug menu, select Halt!.
- Press ESC.

After halting execution, you can continue program execution from the current PC by reissuing any of the run or single-step commands.

What happens when you halt the emulator

If you are using the emulator version of the debugger, any of the above methods halts the target system after you have commanded the debugger to run code while disconnected from the target (run free).

When you invoke the debugger, it automatically executes a HALT command. Thus, if you use the RUNF command, quit the debugger, and later reinvoke the debugger, you effectively reconnect the emulator to the target system and run the debugger in its normal mode of operation. When you invoke the debugger, use the –s option to preserve the current PC and memory contents.

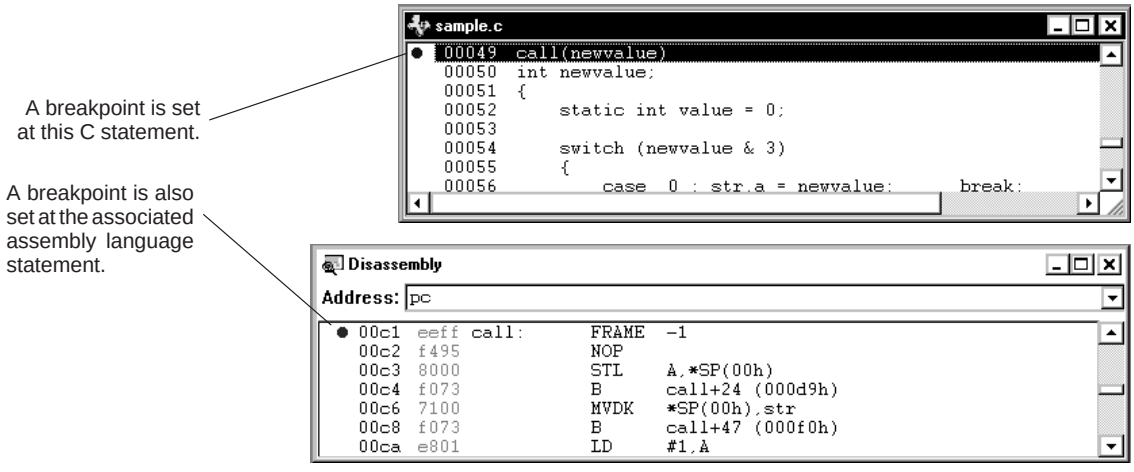
6.7 Using Software Breakpoints

During the debugging process, you may want to halt execution temporarily so that you can examine the contents of selected variables, registers, and memory locations before continuing with program execution. You can do this by setting *software breakpoints* at critical points in your code. You can set software breakpoints in assembly language code and in C code. A software breakpoint halts any program execution, whether you are running or single-stepping through code.

Software breakpoints are especially useful in combination with conditional execution (described in section 6.4 on page 6-11).

When you set a software breakpoint, the debugger highlights the breakpointed line with this prefix: ●.

If you set a breakpoint in the disassembly, the debugger also highlights the associated C statement if the debugger has access to the C source. If you set a breakpoint in the C source, the debugger also highlights the associated statement in the disassembly. (If more than one assembly language statement is associated with a C statement, the debugger highlights the first of the associated assembly language statements.)


A breakpoint is set at this C statement.
A breakpoint is also set at the associated assembly language statement.
sample.c
00049 call(newvalue)
00050 int newvalue;
00051 {
00052 static int value = 0;
00053
00054 switch (newvalue & 3)
00055 {
00056 case 0 : str.a = newvalue; break;
Disassembly
Address: pc
00c1 eeff call: FRAME -1
00c2 f495 NOP
00c3 8000 STL A,*SP(00h)
00c4 f073 B call+24 (000d9h)
00c6 7100 MVDK *SP(00h),str
00c8 f073 B call+47 (000f0h)
00ca e801 LD #1,A

Notes:

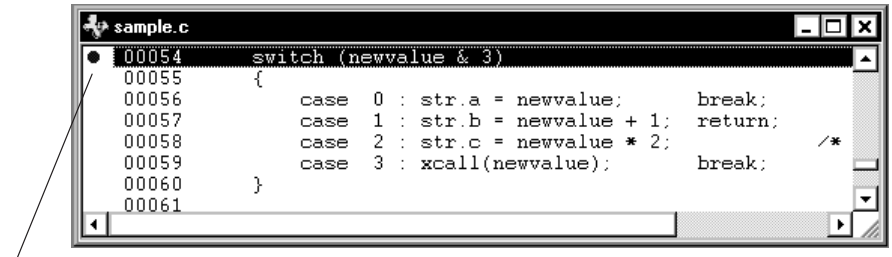
1) After execution is halted by a breakpoint, you can continue program execution by reissuing any of the run or single-step commands.

2) You can set up to 200 breakpoints.

3) You cannot set multiple breakpoints at the same statement.

Setting a software breakpoint

To set a breakpoint, click next to the statement in the Disassembly or File window where you want the breakpoint to occur. When you click next to a statement in the Disassembly or File window, a breakpoint symbol is shown:


sample.c
00054 switch (newvalue & 3)
00055 {
00056 case 0 : str.a = newvalue; break;
00057 case 1 : str.b = newvalue + 1; return;
00058 case 2 : str.c = newvalue * 2; /*
00059 case 3 : xcall(newvalue); break;
00060 }
00061

A breakpoint is set on this statement.

Another way to set a breakpoint is to use the context menu for the File or Disassembly window. You can set a breakpoint on the current line in the File or Disassembly window. The current line is highlighted in the display.

To set a breakpoint on the current line in the File or Disassembly window, follow these steps:

1) Open the context menu for the window. (For more information, see page 1-6.)

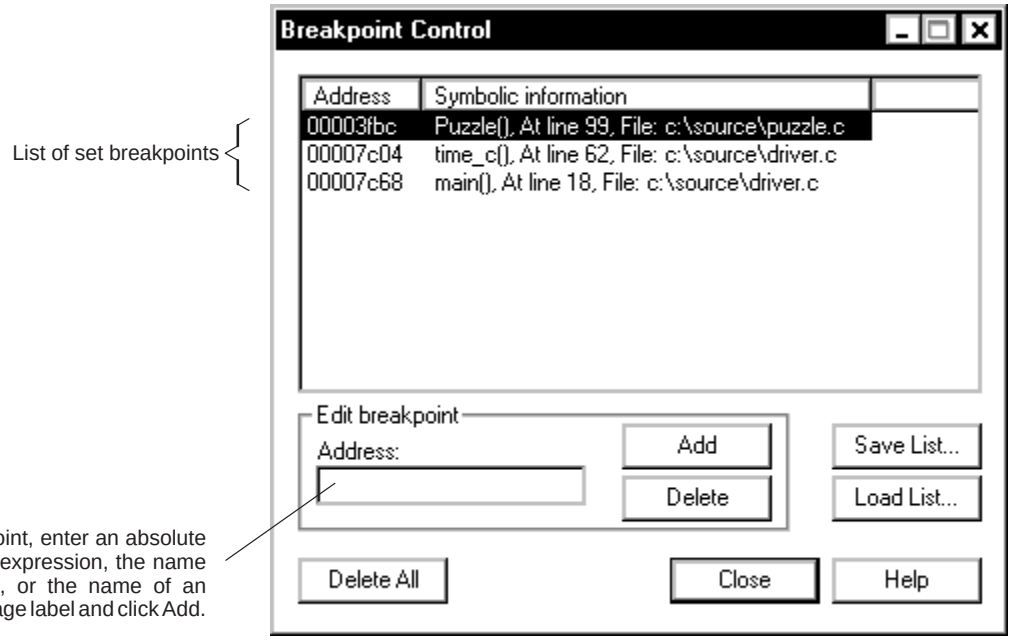
2) Select Toggle Breakpoint from the context menu.

You can also set a breakpoint by using the Breakpoint Control dialog box. To open the Breakpoint Control dialog box, use one of these methods:

❑ Click the Breakpoint Dialog icon on the toolbar:

❑ From the Configure menu, select Breakpoints.

This displays the Breakpoint Control dialog box:



To set a breakpoint, follow these steps:

3) In the Address field of the Breakpoint Control dialog box, enter an absolute address, any C expression, the name of a C function, or the name of an assembly language label. If you want to specify a hex address, be sure to prefix the address number with **0x**; otherwise, the debugger treats the number as a decimal address.

4) Click Add. The new breakpoint appears in the breakpoint list.

5) Click Close to close the Breakpoint Control dialog box.

Clearing a software breakpoint

There are several ways to clear a software breakpoint. If you clear a breakpoint from an assembly language statement, the breakpoint is also cleared from any associated C statement; if you clear a breakpoint from a C statement, the breakpoint is also cleared from the associated statement in the disassembly.

To clear a breakpoint, click the breakpoint symbol (●) in the File or Disassembly window.

Another way to clear a breakpoint is to use the context menu for the File or Disassembly window:

1) Select the line in the File or Disassembly window from which you want to remove the breakpoint.
2) From the context menu for the window, select Toggle Breakpoint.

You can also clear a breakpoint by using the Breakpoint Control dialog box (see the illustration on page 6-16):

1) Open the Breakpoint Control dialog box by using one of these methods:
   - ❏ Click the Breakpoint Dialog icon on the toolbar:

   - ❏ From the Configure menu, select Breakpoints.
2) Select the address of the breakpoint that you want to clear.
3) Click Delete. The breakpoint is removed from the breakpoint list.
4) Click Close to close the Breakpoint Control dialog box.

Clearing all software breakpoints

To clear all software breakpoints, follow these steps:

1) Open the Breakpoint Control dialog box by using one of these methods:
   - ❏ Click the Breakpoint Dialog icon on the toolbar:

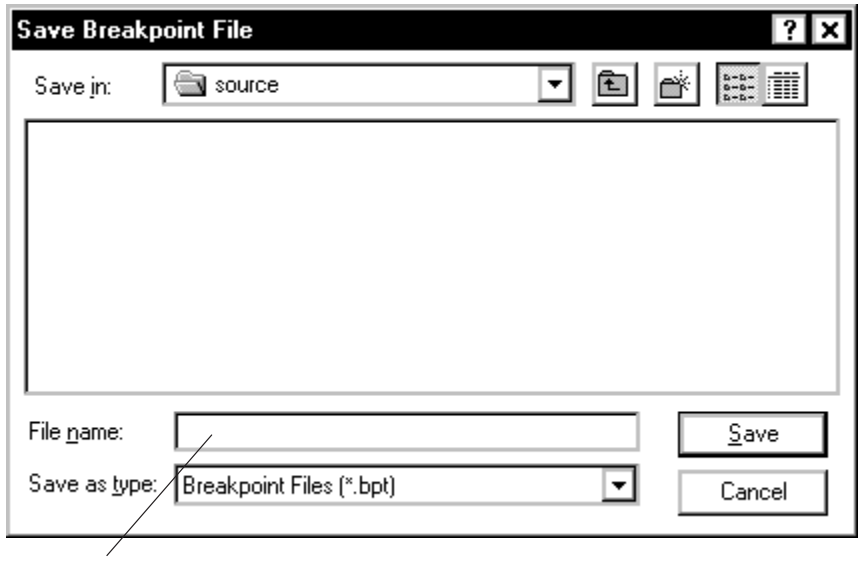
   - ❏ From the Configure menu, select Breakpoints.
2) Click Delete All.
3) Click Close to close the Breakpoint Control dialog box.

Saving breakpoint settings

Software breakpoint settings are lost when you exit the debugger. However, you can save the list of breakpoints that you have set by following these steps:

1) Open the Breakpoint Control dialog box by using one of these methods:
   - ❑ Click the Breakpoint Dialog icon on the toolbar:

   - ❑ From the Configure menu, select Breakpoints.
2) Click Save List. This displays the Save Breakpoint File dialog box:



3) Select the directory where you want the file to be saved.
4) In the File name field, enter a name for the breakpoint file. You can use a .bpt extension to identify the file as a breakpoint file.
5) Click Save.
6) In the Breakpoint Control dialog box, click Close.

Notes:

1) The breakpoint file is editable.
2) You can execute the breakpoint file with the TAKE command to automatically set up the breakpoints that are defined in the file.
3) You can include the breakpoint file in your initialization batch file.

Loading saved breakpoint settings

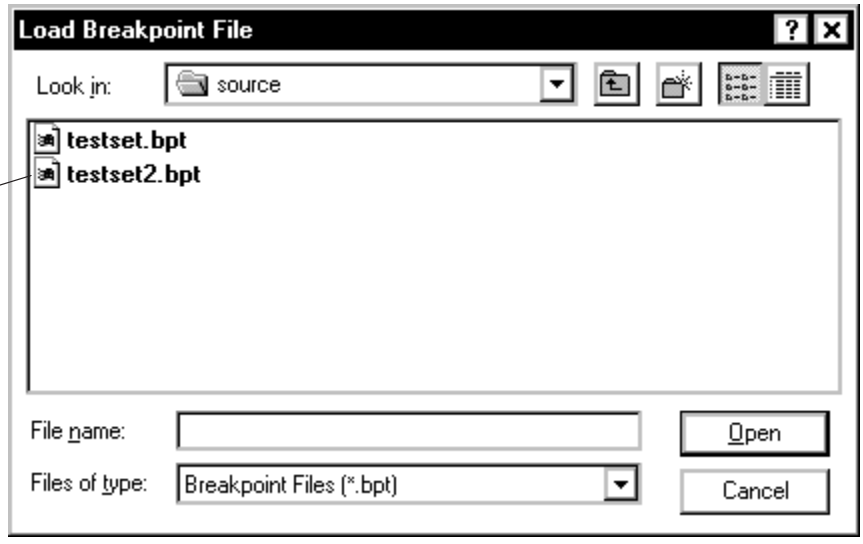
To load a list of saved breakpoints, follow these steps:

1) Open the Breakpoint Control dialog box by using one of these methods:

   ❑ Click the Breakpoint Dialog icon on the toolbar:

   ❑ From the Configure menu, select Breakpoints.

2) Click Load List. This displays the Load Breakpoint File dialog box:



3) Select the file that you want to open. To do so, you might need to change the working directory.

4) Click Open.

5) In the Breakpoint Control dialog box, click Close.

Note:

When you load a breakpoint file, breakpoints that you have defined previously in your debugging session are not cleared but remain in effect.

Chapter 7

Managing Data

The debugger allows you to examine and modify many types of data related to the ’C54x and to your program. You can display and modify these values:

- ❏ The contents of individual memory locations or a range of memory
- ❏ The contents of ’C54x registers
- ❏ Variables, including scalar types (ints, chars, etc.) and aggregate types (arrays, structures, etc.)

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7.1 Where Data Is Displayed

Various types of data are displayed in one of several dedicated windows.

Type of Data	Window Name	Purpose
Memory locations	Memory window	Displays the contents of a range of memory
Register values	CPU window	Displays the contents of 'C54x registers
Pointer data, variables, aggregate types, and specific memory locations or registers	Watch window	Displays selected data
Variable values	Variable window	Displays values for variables in the current or selected function

These dedicated windows are referred to as *data-display windows*.

7.2 Basic Commands for Managing Data

The debugger provides special-purpose commands for displaying and modifying data in dedicated windows. The debugger also supports several general-purpose commands that you can use to display or modify any type of data.

Determining the type of a variable

If you want to know the type of a variable or function, use the WHATIS command. The syntax for this command is:

whatis *symbol*

The *symbol*'s data type is then listed in the display area of the Command window. The *symbol* can be any variable (local, global, or static), a function name, a structure tag, a typedef name, or an enumeration constant.

Command	Result Displayed in the Command Window
`whatis aai`	`int aai[10][5];`

`whatis xxx`	`struct xxx {`
	`  int a;`
	`  int b;`
	`  int c;`
	`  int f1 : 2;`
	`  int f2 : 4;`
	`  struct xxx *f3;`
	`  int f4[10];`
	`}`

Evaluating an expression

The ? (evaluate expression) command evaluates an expression and shows the result in the display area of the Command window. The syntax for this command is:

? *expression*

The *expression* can be any C expression, including an expression with side effects. However, you cannot use a string constant or function call in the *expression.*

If the result of *expression* is scalar, the debugger displays the result as a decimal value in the Command window. If *expression* is a structure or array, the debugger displays the entire contents of the structure or array; you can halt long listings by pressing ESC .

Here are some examples that use the ? command.

Command	Result Displayed in the Command Window

`? aai`	`aai[0][0] 1`
	`aai[0][1] 23`
	`aai[0][2] 45`
	`.`
	`.`
	`.`

`? j`	`4194425`
`? j=0x5a`	`90`

The EVAL (evaluate expression) command behaves like the ? command *but does not show the result* in the display area of the Command window. The syntax for this command is:

eval *expression*
or
e *expression*

EVAL is useful for assigning values to registers or memory locations in a batch file, where it is not necessary to display the result.

For information about the PDM version of the EVAL command, see section 10.9, *Evaluating Expressions*, on page 10-21.

7.3 Basic Methods for Changing Data Values

The debugger provides you with a great deal of flexibility in modifying various types of data. You can use the debugger's overwrite editing capability, which allows you to change a value simply by typing over its displayed value. You can also use the data-management commands for more complex editing.

Editing data displayed in a window

Use overwrite editing to modify data in a data-display window. You can use this method to edit:

- ❏ Registers displayed in the CPU window
- ❏ Memory contents displayed in a Memory window
- ❏ Values or elements displayed in a Watch window
- ❏ Values displayed in a Variable window

To modify data in a data-display window, follow these steps:

1) Select the data item that you want to modify. Choose one of these methods:
   - ❏ Double-click the data item that you want to modify.
   - ❏ Select the data item that you want to modify and press F9.
2) Type the new information. If you make a mistake or change your mind, press ESC; this resets the field to its original value.
3) When you finish typing the new information, press ↵ or click on another data value. This replaces the original value with the new value.

Editing data using expressions that have side effects

Using the overwrite editing feature to modify data is straightforward. However, data-management methods take advantage of the fact that C expressions are accepted as parameters by most debugger commands and that C expressions can have *side effects*. When an expression has a side effect, the value of some variable in the expression changes as the result of evaluating the expression.

Side affects allow you to coerce many commands into changing values for you. Specifically, it is most helpful to use ? and EVAL to change data as well as display it.

For example, if you want to see what is in register IFR, you can enter:

```
? IFR ↵
```

`? IFR++ ↵`	*Side effect: increments the contents of IFR by 1*
`eval --IFR ↵`	*Side effect: decrements the contents of IFR by 1*
`? IFR = 8 ↵`	*Side effect: sets IFR to 8*
`eval IFR/=2 ↵`	*Side effect: divides contents of IFR by 2*

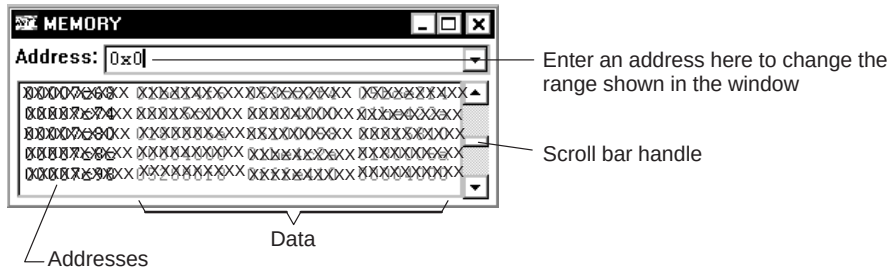
Not all expressions have side effects. For example, if you enter **? IFR+4**, the debugger displays the result of adding 4 to the contents of IFR but does not modify IFR's contents. Expressions that have side effects must contain an assignment operator or an operator that implies an assignment. Operators that can cause a side effect are:

=	+=	–=	*=	/=
%=	&=	^=	|=	<<=
	>>=	++	– –	

7.4 Managing Data in Memory

The most common way to observe memory contents is to view the display in a Memory window. In mixed and assembly modes, the debugger displays the default Memory window automatically (labeled Memory). You can open any number of additional Memory windows to display different memory ranges. Figure 7–1 shows the default Memory window.

Figure 7–1. The Default Memory Window



The amount of memory that you can display in a Memory window is limited by the size of the window (which is limited only by your monitor's screen size).

The debugger allows you to change the memory range displayed in the Memory window and to open additional Memory windows. The debugger also allows you to change the values at individual locations; for more information, see section 7.3, *Basic Methods for Changing Data Values*, on page 7-5.

Changing the memory range displayed in a Memory window

To change the memory range displayed in a Memory window, enter a new starting address in the Address field of the Memory window, as shown in Figure 7–1. If you want to specify a hex address, be sure to prefix the address number with **0x**; otherwise, the debugger treats the number as a decimal address.

You can also change the display of any data-display window—including the Memory window—by scrolling through the window's contents. In the Memory window, the scroll bar handle is displayed in the middle of the scroll bar (see Figure 7–1). The middle of memory contents is defined as the most recent starting address that you entered in the Address field of the Memory window or with the MEM command (described on page 11-31). You can scroll up or down to see 1K bytes of memory on either side of the current starting address.

Opening an additional Memory window

To open an additional Memory window, use the MEM command. The syntax for this command is:

mem *expression* [, [*display format*] [, *window name*]]

- The *expression* represents the address of the first entry in the Memory window. The end of the range is defined by the size of the window: to show more memory locations, make the window larger; to show fewer locations, make the window smaller.

  The *expression* can be an absolute address, a symbolic address, or any C expression. Here are some examples:

  - **Absolute address.** Suppose that you want to display data memory beginning from the very first address. You might enter this command:

    ```
    mem 0x0 ↵
    ```

    Memory window addresses are shown in hexadecimal format. If you want to specify a hex address, be sure to prefix the address number with **0x**; otherwise, the debugger treats the number as a decimal address.

  - **Symbolic address.** You can use any defined C symbol as an *expression* parameter. For example, if your program defined a symbol named *SYM*, you could enter this command:

    ```
    mem &SYM ↵
    ```

    Prefix the symbol with the & operator to use the address of the symbol.

  - **C expression.** If you use a C expression as a parameter, the debugger evaluates the expression and uses the result as a memory address:

    ```
    mem SP – AR0 + label ↵
    ```

- The *display format* parameter is optional. When used, the data is displayed in the selected format, as shown in Table 7–1 on page 7-20.

- Use the *window name* parameter to name the additional Memory window. The debugger appends the *window name* to the Memory window label. If you do not supply a name, the debugger does not open a new window; it simply updates the default Memory window to reflect the changes.

Displaying memory contents while you are debugging C

If you are debugging C code in auto mode, you do not see a Memory window—the debugger does not show the Memory window in the C-only display. However, there are several ways to display memory in this situation.

Note:

If you want to use the contents of an address as a parameter, be sure to prefix the address with the C indirection operator, *.

- If you have only a temporary interest in the contents of a specific memory location, you can use the ? command to display the value at this address. For example, if you want to know the contents of memory location 26 (hex), you could enter:

  `? *0x26` ↵

  The debugger displays the memory value in the display area of the Command window.

- If you want to observe a specific memory location over a longer period of time, you can display it in a Watch window. Use the Configure→Watch Add... menu option to do this:

  1) In the Expression field, enter **`*0x26`**.

  2) In the Format combo box, enter x - Hexadecimal.

  3) Click OK.

  The debugger displays the memory value in the Watch window.

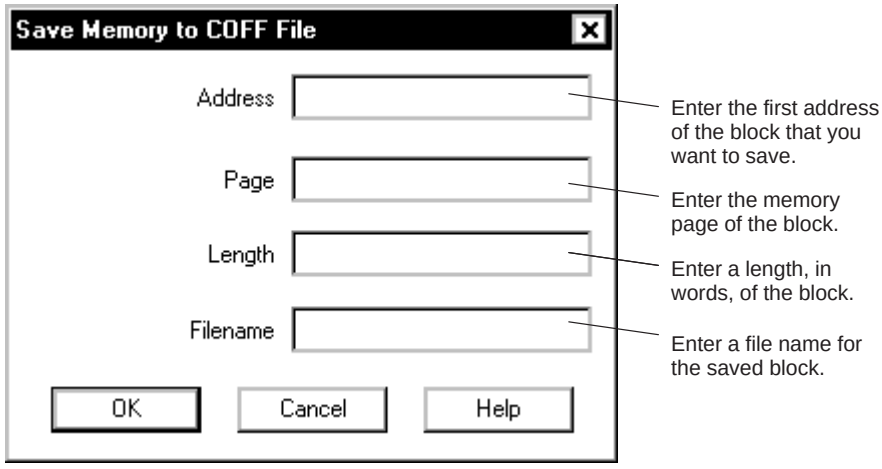
- You can also use the DISP command to display memory contents in a Watch window. The Watch window shows memory in an array format with the specified address as member [0]. In this situation, you can also use casting to display memory contents in a different numeric format:

  `disp *(float *)0x26` ↵

Saving memory values to a file

Sometimes it is useful to save a block of memory values to a file. You can use the File→Save→Memory menu option to do this; the files are saved in COFF format.

1) From the File menu, select Save→Memory. This displays the Save Memory to COFF File dialog box:



2) In the Address field, enter the first address in the block that you want to save. To specify a hex address, prefix the address number with **0x**; otherwise, the debugger treats the number as a decimal address.

3) In the Page field, enter a 1-digit number that identifies the type of memory (program or data) that the address occupies:

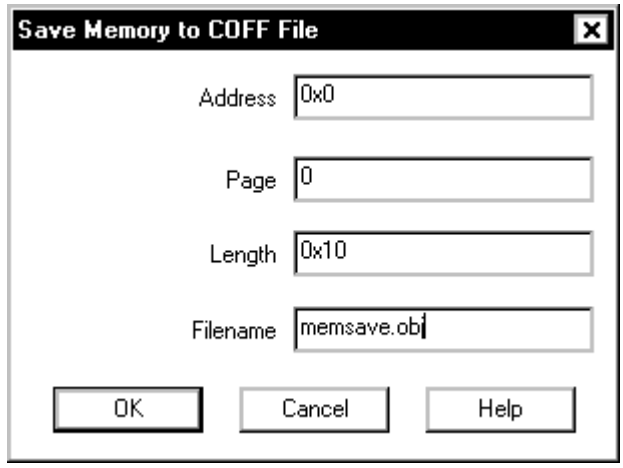
To identify this page . . .	Use this value as the *page* parameter . . .
Program memory	0
Data memory	1

4) In the Length field, enter a length, in words, of the block. This parameter can be any C expression.

5) In the Filename field, enter a name for the saved block of memory. If you do not supply an extension, the debugger adds a .obj extension.

6) Click OK.

For example, to save the values in data memory locations 0x0000–0x003F to a file named memsave.obj, you could enter:



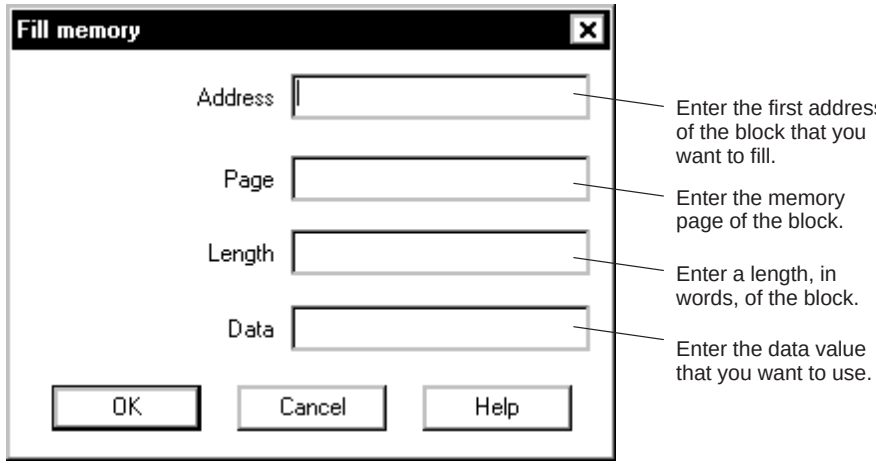
The value of the Length field is measured in words and data memory locations are measured in bytes. For this example, you must enter a length of words to equal 0x40 bytes (0x0000–0x0040).

To reload memory values that were saved in a file, use the File→Load→Load Program menu option.

Filling a block of memory

Sometimes it can be useful to fill an entire block of memory at one time with a particular value. You can fill a block of memory, word by word, with the Configure→Memory Fill→Fill Word.

1) From the Configure menu, select Memory Fill→Fill Word. This displays the Fill Memory dialog box:



2) In the Address field, enter the first address in the block that you want to fill. To specify a hex address, prefix the address number with **0x**; otherwise, the debugger treats the number as a decimal address.

3) In the Page field, enter a 1-digit number that identifies the type of memory (program or data) that the address occupies:

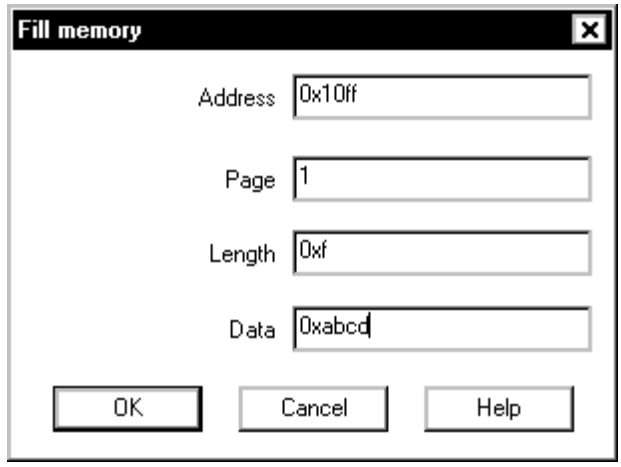
To identify this page . . .	Use this value as the *page* parameter . . .
Program memory	0
Data memory	1

4) In the Length field, enter a length, in words, of the block.

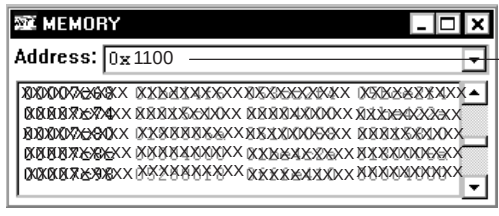
5) In the Data field, enter a value that you want placed in each word in the block.

6) Click OK.

For example, to fill memory locations 0x1100–0x113B with the value 0xABCD, you could enter:



If you want to check whether memory has been filled correctly, you can change the Memory window display to show the block of memory beginning at memory address 0x1100:



You can also use the debugger to fill a block of memory byte by byte with the Configure→Memory Fill→Fill Byte menu option.

1) From the Configure menu, select Memory Fill→Fill Byte. This displays the Fill Memory Byte dialog box.

2) In the Address field, enter the first address in the block that you want to fill. To specify a hex address, prefix the address number with **0x**; otherwise, the debugger treats the number as a decimal address.

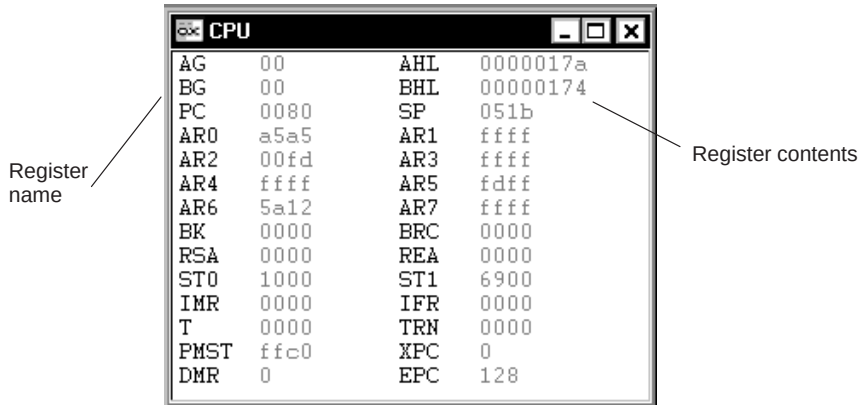
3) In the Length field, enter a length, in bytes, of the block.

4) In the Data field, enter a value that you want placed in each byte in the block.

5) Click OK.

7.5 Managing Register Data

In mixed and assembly modes, the debugger maintains a CPU window that displays the contents of individual registers.



The debugger provides commands that allow you to display and modify the contents of specific registers. You can use the data-management commands or the debugger's overwrite editing capability to modify the contents of any register displayed in the CPU or Watch window. For more information, see section 7.3, *Basic Methods for Changing Data Values*, on page 7-5.

Displaying register contents

The main way to observe register contents is to view the display in the CPU window. You can rearrange the registers in the CPU window to display the ones that you are most interested in at the top of the CPU window. To do so, drag and drop the registers to the desired location in the CPU window.

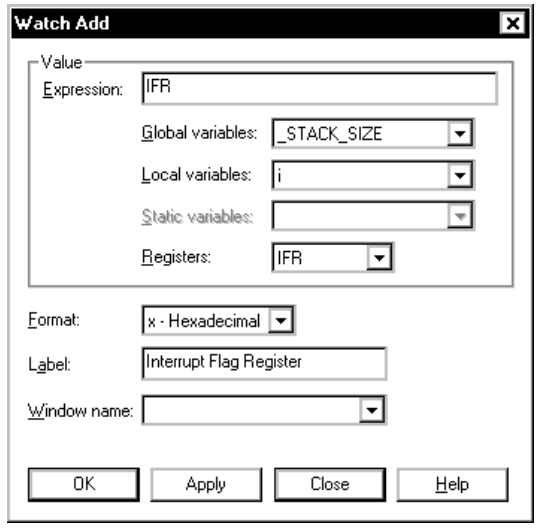
In addition to the CPU window, you can observe the contents of selected registers by using the ? (evaluate expression) command or the Configure→Watch Add menu option:

- If you have only a temporary interest in the contents of a register, you can use the ? command to display the register's contents. For example, if you want to know the contents of IFR, you could enter:

  ? IFR ↵

  The debugger displays IFR's current contents in the display area of the Command window.

- If you want to observe a register over a longer period of time, you can use the Configure→Watch Add menu option to display the register in a Watch window. For example, if you want to observe the interrupt flag register (IFR), you would fill in the Expression and Registers box fields as shown:

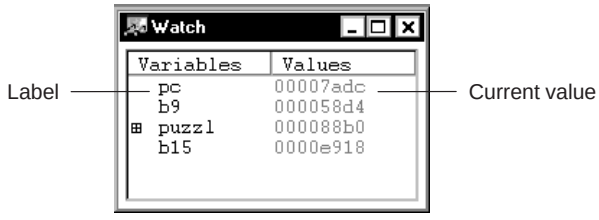


  This adds the IFR to the Watch window in hexadecimal format and labels it as *Interrupt Flag Register*. The register's contents are continuously updated, just as if you were observing the register in the CPU window.

When you are debugging C in auto mode, the ? command and the Configure→Watch Add menu option are useful because the debugger does not show the CPU window in the C-only display.

7.6 Managing Data in a Watch Window

The debugger does not maintain a dedicated window that tells you about the status of all the symbols defined in your program. Such a window might be so large that it would not be useful. Instead, the debugger allows you to open a Watch window that shows you how program execution affects specific expressions, variables, registers, or memory locations. You can choose which ones you want to observe. You can also use the Watch window to display members of complex, aggregate data types, such as arrays and structures.



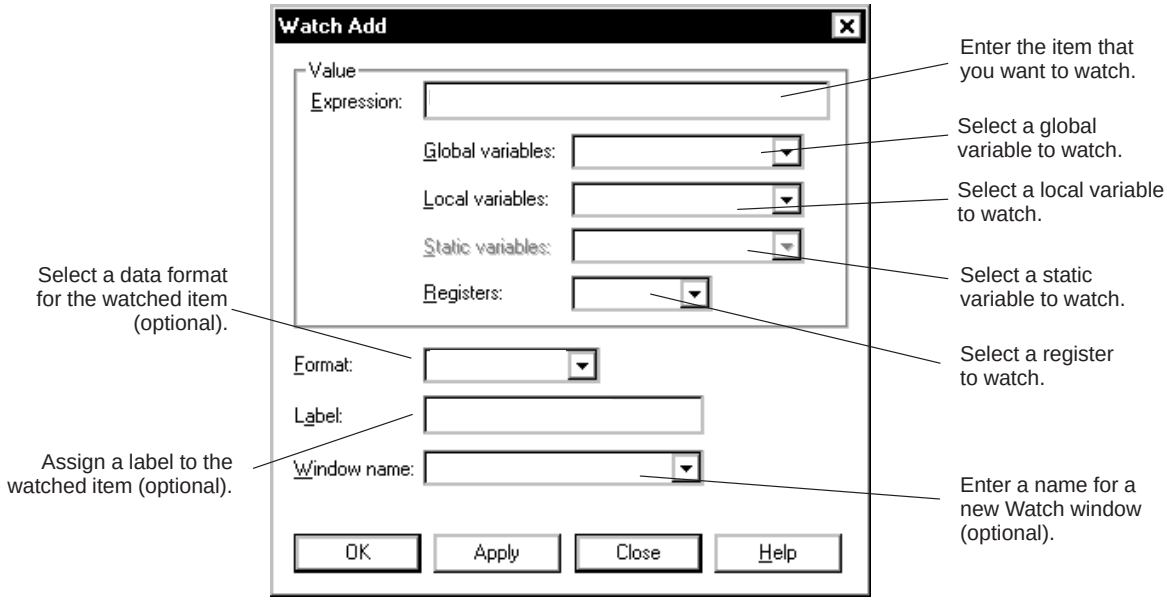
The debugger displays a Watch window *only when you specifically request a Watch window*.

Remember, you can use the data-management commands or the debugger's overwrite editing capability to modify the contents of any value displayed in the Watch window. For more information, see section 7.3, *Basic Methods for Changing Data Values*, on page 7-5.

Displaying data in a Watch window

To display a value in the Watch window, follow these steps:

1) From the Configure menu, select Watch Add. This displays the Watch Add dialog box:



2) In the Expression field, enter the item that you want to watch. The expression can be any C expression, including an expression that has side effects. Also, you can select a global variable, local variable, static variable, or register to watch.

   If you want to use the *contents* of an address as a parameter, be sure to prefix the address with the C indirection operator (*****). For example, you could enter this value in the Expression field:

   ```
   *0x26
   ```

3) If you want to change the data format for the watched item, select the format you want to use from the Format drop list. The format field is optional.

4) If you want to assign a label for the watched item, use the Label field. If you leave the Label field blank, the debugger displays the expression, variable, or register as the label.

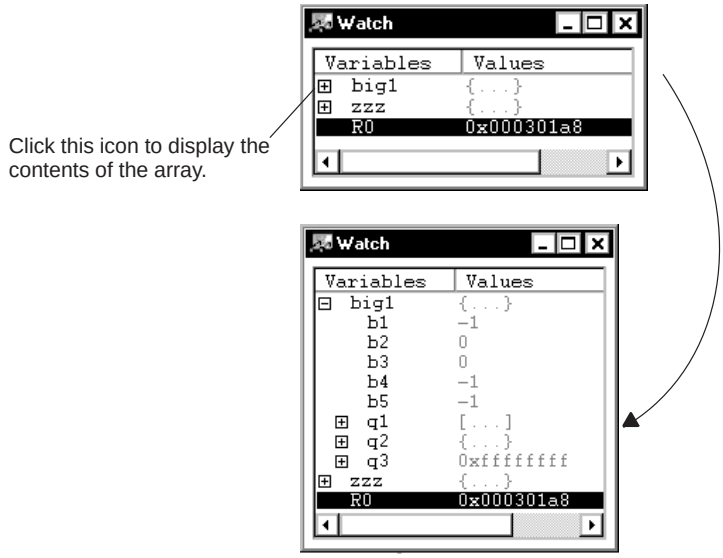
5) If you want to open a new Watch window, enter a name for the new Watch window in the Window name field. This field is optional. When you enter a window name, the debugger appends the window name to the Watch window label. If you do not supply a name, the debugger adds the item to the default Watch window.

6) Click Apply. When you have entered the last expression, variable, or register that you want to watch, click OK.

After you open a Watch window, executing Configure→Watch Add and using the same window name adds additional values to the Watch window. You can open as many Watch windows as you need by using unique window names.

Displaying additional data

When you use the Watch window to view structures, pointers, or arrays, you can display the additional data (the data pointed to or the members of the array or structure) by clicking the box icon next to the watched item:



You can also display additional data by selecting an item and pressing SPACE.

Deleting watched values

To delete an entry from a Watch window, follow these steps:

1) Select the item in the Watch window that you want to delete.
2) Press DELETE.

If you want to close a Watch window and delete all of the items in that window in a single step, use the WR (watch reset) command. The syntax is:

wr [{***** | *window name*}]

The optional *window name* parameter deletes a particular Watch window; ***** deletes all Watch windows.

Note:

The debugger automatically closes any Watch windows when you execute File→Load→Load Program, File→Load→Program Symbols, the LOAD command, or the SLOAD command.

7.7 Displaying Data in Alternative Formats

By default, all data is displayed in its natural format. This means that:

- ❏ Integer values are displayed as decimal numbers.
- ❏ Floating-point values are displayed in floating-point format.
- ❏ Pointers are displayed as hexadecimal addresses (with an 0x prefix).
- ❏ Enumerated types are displayed symbolically.

However, any data displayed in the Command, Memory, or Watch window can be displayed in a variety of formats.

Changing the default format for specific data types

To display specific types of data in a different format, use the SETF command. The syntax for this command is:

setf [*data type*, *display format*]

The *display format* parameter identifies the new display format for any data of type *data type*. Table 7–1 lists the available formats and the corresponding characters that can be used as the *display format* parameter.

Table 7–1. Display Formats for Debugger Data

Display Format	Parameter	Display Format	Parameter
Default for the data type	*****	Octal	**o**
ASCII character (bytes)	**c**	Valid address	**p**
Decimal	**d**	ASCII string	**s**
Exponential floating point	**e**	Unsigned decimal	**u**
Decimal floating point	**f**	Hexadecimal	**x**

Table 7–2 lists the C data types that can be used for the *data type* parameter. Only a subset of the display formats applies to each data type, so Table 7–2 also shows valid combinations of data types and display formats.

Table 7–2. Data Types for Displaying Debugger Data

	Valid Display Formats									
Data Type	**c**	**d**	**o**	**x**	**e**	**f**	**p**	**s**	**u**	**Default Display Format**
char	√	√	√	√					√	ASCII (c)
uchar	√	√	√	√					√	Decimal (d)
short	√	√	√	√					√	Decimal (d)
int	√	√	√	√					√	Decimal (d)
uint	√	√	√	√					√	Decimal (d)
long	√	√	√	√					√	Decimal (d)
ulong	√	√	√	√					√	Decimal (d)
float			√	√	√	√				Exponential floating point (e)
double			√	√	√	√				Exponential floating point (e)
ptr			√	√			√	√		Address (p)

Here are some examples:

- To display all data of type short as an unsigned decimal, enter:

  `setf short, u` ↵

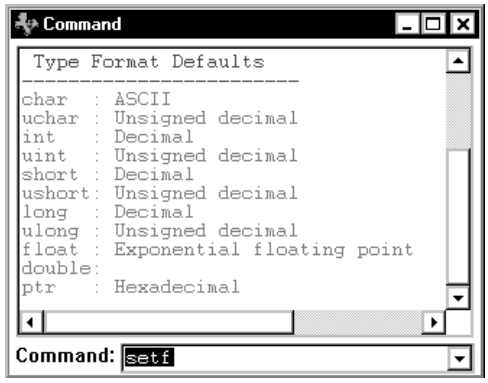
- To return all data of type short to its default display format, enter:

  `setf short, *` ↵

- To list the current display formats for each data type, enter the SETF command with no parameters:

  `setf` ↵

The display should look something like this:



❑ To reset all data types back to their default display formats, enter:

```
setf * ↵
```

Changing the default format with data-management commands

You can also use the Configure→Watch Add menu option, the Watch window context menu, and the ?, MEM, WA, and DISP commands to show data in alternative display formats. (The ? and DISP commands use alternative formats only for scalar types, arrays of scalar types, and individual members of aggregate types.)

Each of these commands has an optional display format parameter that works in the same way as the display format parameter of the SETF command.

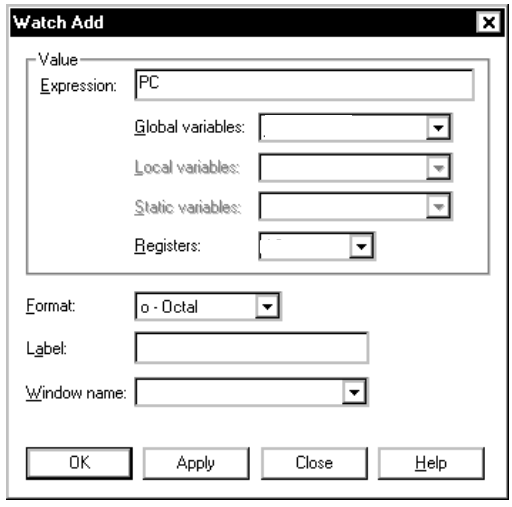
When you do not use a display format parameter, data is shown in its natural format (unless you have changed the format for the data type with SETF).

Here are some examples:

- To display memory contents in octal, enter:

  `mem 0x0,o` ↵

- To watch the PC in octal, from the Format drop list, select o - Octal:



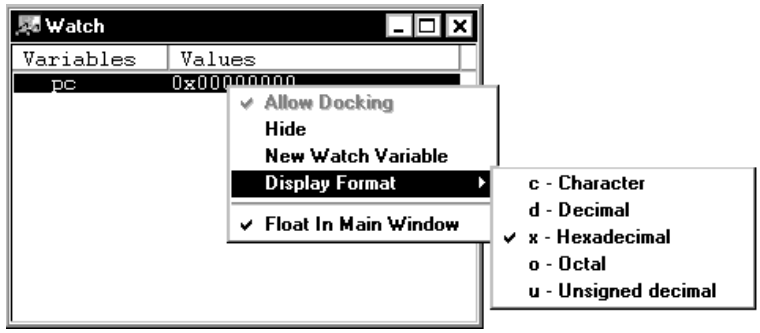
- To change the format of the PC in the Watch window, follow these steps:

  1) In the Watch window, select PC.

  2) Right click the mouse to bring up the Watch window context menu.

  3) From the context menu, select Display Format. A submenu of data formats appears.

  4) From the submenu, select the format in which you want the PC to display.



The valid combinations of data types and display formats listed for SETF also apply to the data displayed with ?, MEM, Configure→Watch Add, WA, and DISP. For example, if you want to use display format **e** or **f**, the data that you are displaying must be of type float or type double. Additionally, you cannot use the **s** display format parameter with the MEM command.

Chapter 8

Profiling Code Execution

The profiling environment is a special debugger environment that provides a method for collecting execution statistics about specific areas in your code. These statistics give you immediate feedback on your application's performance.

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8.1 Overview of the Profiling Environment

The profiling environment builds on the same intuitive interface available in the basic debugging environment and has these additional features:

- **More efficient code.** Within the profiling environment, you can quickly identify busy sections in your programs. This helps you to direct valuable development time toward optimizing the sections of code that most dramatically affect program performance.

- **Statistics on multiple areas.** You can collect statistics about individual statements in disassembly or C, about ranges in disassembly or C, and about C functions. When you are collecting statistics on many areas, you can choose to view the statistics for all the areas or a subset of the areas.

- **Comprehensive display of statistics.** The profiler provides all the information you need for identifying bottlenecks in your code:

  - The number of times each area was entered during the profiling session
  - The total execution time of an area, including or excluding the execution time of any subroutines called from within the area
  - The maximum time for one iteration of an area, including or excluding the execution time of any subroutines called from within the area

  Statistics may be updated continuously during the profiling session or at selected intervals.

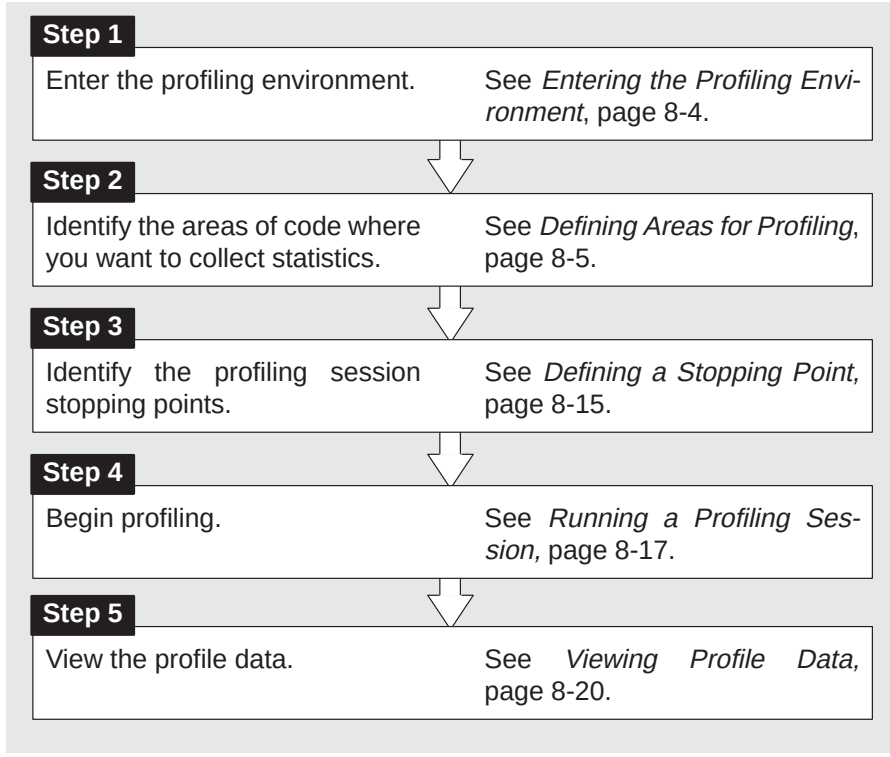
- **Configurable display of statistics.** Display the entire set of data, or display one type of data at a time. Display all the areas you are profiling, or display a selected subset of the areas.

- **Visual representation of statistics.** When you choose to display one type of data at a time, the statistics are accompanied by histograms for each area, showing the relationship of each area's statistics to those of the other profiled areas.

- **Disabled areas.** In addition to identifying areas that you can collect statistics on, you can also identify areas that you do not want to affect the statistics. This removes the timing impact from code such as a standard library function or a fully optimized portion of code.

8.2 Overview of the Profiling Process

Profiling consists of five simple steps:


Step 1
Enter the profiling environment.
See Entering the Profiling Environment, page 8-4.
Step 2
Identify the areas of code where you want to collect statistics.
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Step 3
Identify the profiling session stopping points.
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Step 4
Begin profiling.
See Running a Profiling Session, page 8-17.
Step 5
View the profile data.
See Viewing Profile Data, page 8-20.

Note:

When you compile a program that will be profiled, you must use the –g and the –as compiler shell options. The –g option includes symbolic debugging information; the –as option ensures that you will be able to include ranges as profile areas. For more information on these options, see the TMS320C54x C Compiler User's Guide.

A profiling strategy

Here is a suggestion for a basic approach to profiling the performance of your program.

1) Mark all the functions in your program as profile areas.
2) Run a profiling session; find the busiest functions.
3) Unmark all the functions.
4) Mark the individual lines in the busy functions and run another profiling session.

8.3 Entering the Profiling Environment

To enter the profiling environment, select Profile Mode from the Tools menu.

Some restrictions apply to the profiling environment:

- ❏ The debugger is always in mixed mode.
- ❏ Command, Disassembly, File, and Profile are the only windows available; additional windows, such as a Watch window, cannot be opened.
- ❏ The profiling environment supports only a subset of the debugger commands. Table 8–1 lists the debugger commands that can and cannot be used in the profiling environment.

Table 8–1. Debugger Commands That Can/Cannot Be Used in the Profiling Environment

Can be used	Cannot be used
Data-evaluation commands (such as ? and EVAL)	All run commands
Breakpoint commands	Debugging mode commands (such as ASM, C, and MIX)
Memory-mapping commands	Commands related to the Watch, Memory, or Calls window
System commands (such as SYSTEM, TAKE, and ALIAS)	
Windowing commands (such as SIZE, MOVE, and ZOOM)	

Chapter 11, *Summary of Commands*, summarizes all of the debugger commands and tells you whether a command is valid in the profiling environment.

8.4 Defining Areas for Profiling

Within the profiling environment, you can collect statistics on three types of areas:

- *Individual lines* in C or disassembly
- *Ranges* in C or disassembly
- *Functions* in C only

To identify any of these areas for profiling, mark the line, range, or function. You can disable areas so that they do not affect the profile data, and you can reenable areas that have been disabled. You can also unmark areas that you are no longer interested in.

Using the mouse is the simplest way to mark, disable, enable, and unmark areas. A dialog box also supports these and more complex tasks.

The following subsections explain how to mark, disable, reenable, and unmark profile areas by using the mouse or the dialog box. For restrictions on profiling areas, see page 8-12.

Marking an area with a mouse

Marking an area qualifies it for profiling so that the debugger can collect timing statistics about the area.

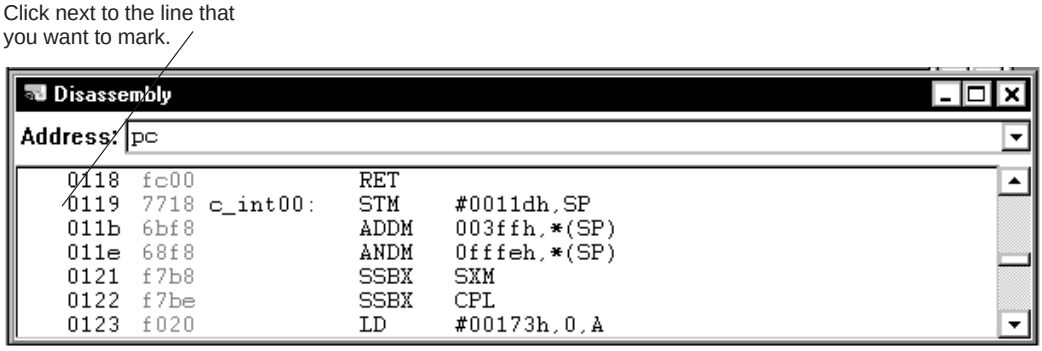
Remember, to display C code, use the File→Open menu option or the FUNC command; to display disassembly, use the DASM command.

Notes:

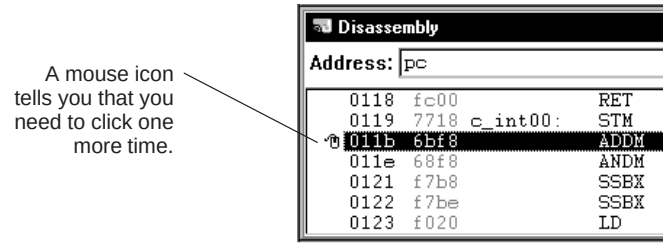
1) Marking an area in C *does not* mark the associated code in disassembly.
2) Areas can be nested; for example, you can mark a line within a marked range. The debugger reports statistics for both the line and the function.
3) Ranges cannot overlap, and they cannot span function boundaries.

To mark an area with the mouse, follow these steps:

1) In the File or Disassembly window, click once to the left of the line that you want to mark or to the left of the first line of the range that you want to mark:

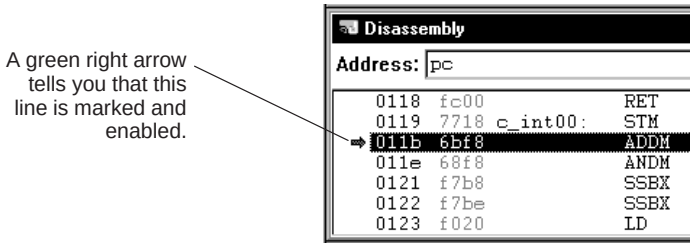

Click next to the line that you want to mark.
Disassembly
Address: pc
0118 fc00 RET
0119 7718 c_int00: STM #0011dh,SP
011b 6bf8 ADDM 003ffh,*(SP)
011e 68f8 ANDM 0fffeh,*(SP)
0121 f7b8 SSBX SXM
0122 f7be SSBX CPL
0123 f020 LD #00173h,0,A

When you click once next to a line, a mouse icon appears, telling you that you need to click one more time:

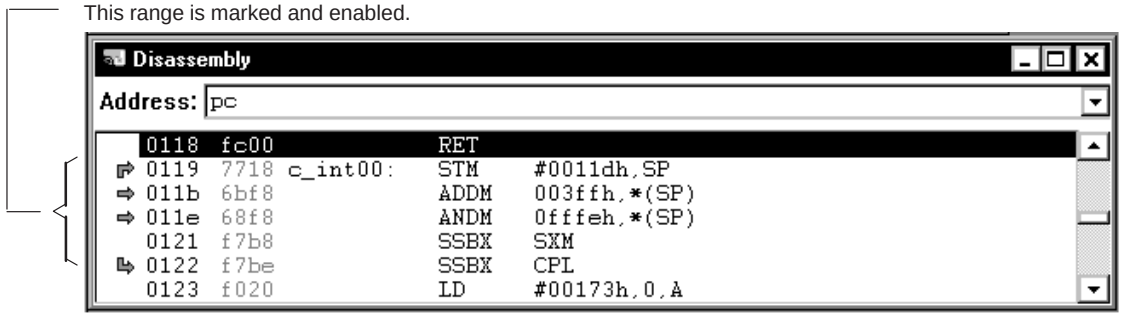


2) Choose to mark a single line or a range:

❑ To mark a single line, click the mouse icon. This turns the mouse icon into a green right arrow:



- To mark a range, click the last line of the range that you want to mark. This changes the mouse icon on the first line of the range into a green arrow. The entire range is marked with two green right arrows that are connected:



You can also use the mouse to mark a function in C code. To do so, follow these steps:

1) In the File window, click next to the statement that declares the function that you want to mark.

2) When you see the mouse icon, click again to mark and enable the C function. A green arrow appears, indicating that the function is marked.

Note:

In the profiling environment, if you try to mark a line or function by double-clicking next to the statement that you want to mark, the debugger sets a software breakpoint instead of marking the line or function. To mark a function, click once. If you are marking a line and you see the mouse icon, click again.

If you are not in the profiling environment, single-clicking next to a line or function sets a software breakpoint.

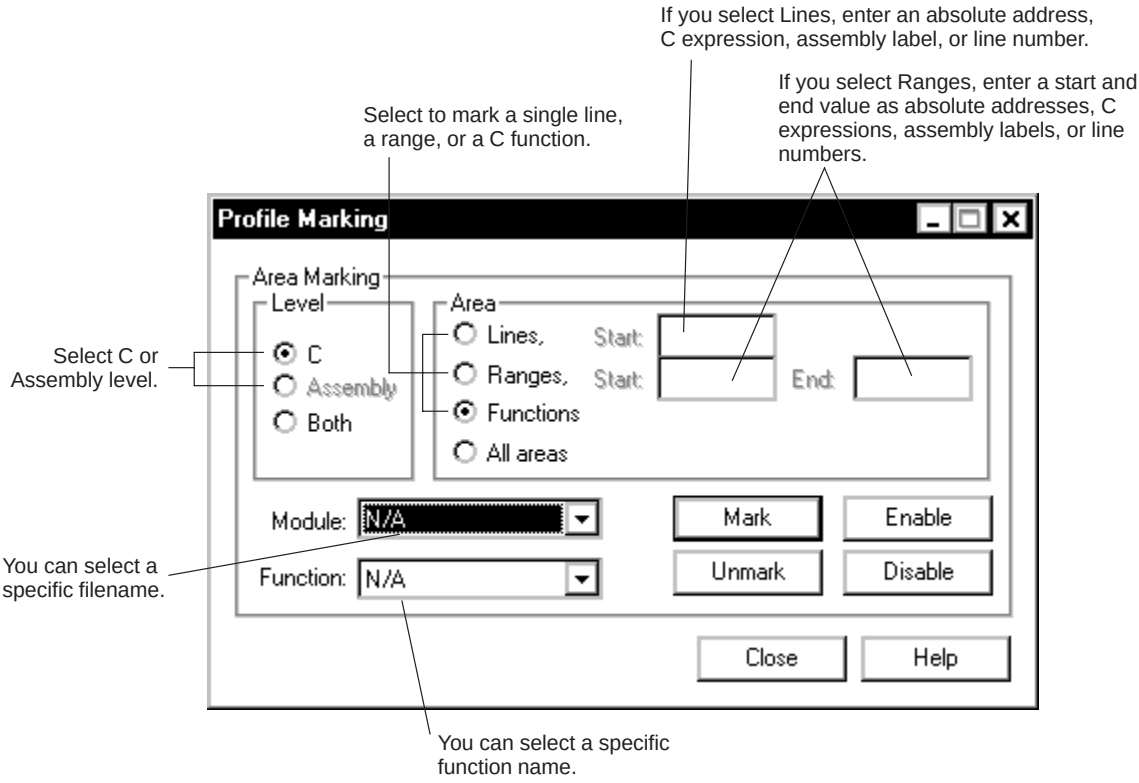
Marking an area with a dialog box

You can use a dialog box to mark areas for profiling. To do so, follow these steps:

1) Open the Profile Marking dialog box by using one of these methods:

   ❏ From the Tools→Profile menu, select Select Areas.
   ❏ From the context menu for the Profile window, select Select Areas.

   This displays the Profile Marking dialog box:



2) In the Level box, select C or Assembly.

3) In the Area box, select Lines, Ranges, or Functions. See Table 8–2 for a list of valid combinations.

4) Depending on what you select in step 3, do one or more of the following:

   ❑ Next to Lines, enter an absolute address, C expression, assembly label, or line number. If you are entering an absolute address, be sure to prefix it with 0x.

   ❑ Next to Ranges, enter a Start and an End value as absolute addresses, C expressions, assembly labels, or line numbers.

   ❑ From the Module combo box, select a specific filename.

   ❑ From the Function combo box, select a specific function name.

   See Table 8–2 for a list of valid combinations.

5) Click Mark.

6) Click Close to close the dialog box.

Table 8–2. Using the Profile Marking Dialog Box to Mark Areas

(a) Marking lines

To mark this area...	If C level is selected...	If Assembly level is selected...
By line number, address	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Lines. ❑ Next to Lines, specify a line number.	❑ In the Area box, select Lines. ❑ Next to Lines, specify an absolute address, a C expression, or an assembly label
All lines in a function	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select Lines.	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select Lines.

(b) Marking ranges

To mark this area...	If C level is selected...	If Assembly level is selected...
By line numbers, addresses	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Ranges. ❑ Next to Ranges, specify a Start line number and an End line number.	❑ In the Area box, select Ranges. ❑ Next to Ranges, specify a Start and an End value. Use an absolute address, a C expression, or an assembly label for each.

(c) Marking functions

To mark this area...	If C level is selected...	If Assembly level is selected...
By function name	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select Functions.	Not applicable
All functions in a module	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Functions.	Not applicable
All functions everywhere	❑ In the Area box, select Functions. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.	Not applicable

Disabling an area

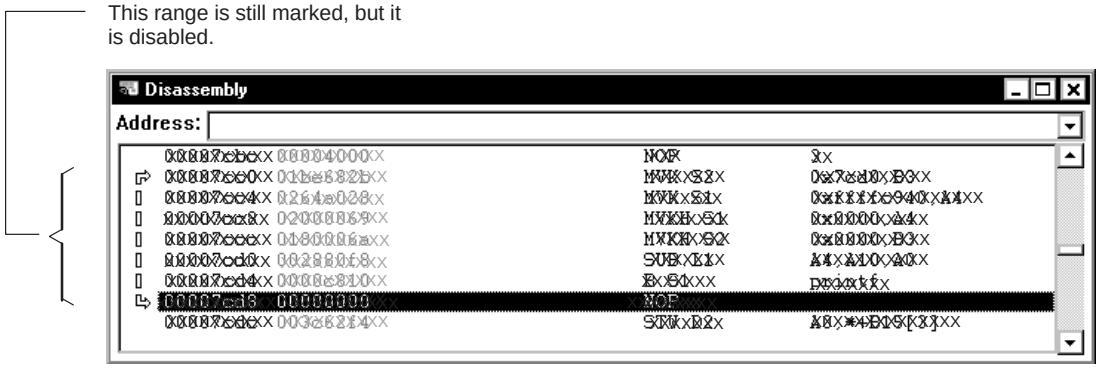
At times, it is useful to identify areas that you do not want to affect profile statistics. To do this, *disable* the appropriate area. Disabling effectively subtracts the timing information of the disabled area from all profile areas that include or call the disabled area. Areas must be marked before they can be disabled.

For example, if you have marked a function that calls a standard C function such as malloc(), you may not want malloc() to affect the statistics for the calling function. You could mark the line that calls malloc(), and then disable the line. This way, the profile statistics for the function would not include the statistics for malloc().

Note:

If you disable an area after you have already collected statistics on it, that information will be lost.

The easiest way to disable an area is to click the green arrow(s) next to a marked line, range, or function. When you do so, the arrow(s) becomes white:



You can also disable an area by using the Profile Marking dialog box:

1) Open the Profile Marking dialog box by using one of these methods:

   - From the Tools→Profile menu, select Select Areas.
   - From the context menu for the Profile window, select Select Areas.

   This displays the Profile Marking dialog box.

2) In the Level box, select C, Assembly, or Both.

3) In the Area box, select Lines, Ranges, Functions, or All areas. See Table 8–3 on page 8-13 for a list of valid combinations.

4) Depending on what you select in step 3, do one or more of the following:
   - ❑ Next to Lines, enter an absolute address, C expression, assembly label, or line number.
   - ❑ Next to Ranges, enter a Start and an End value as absolute addresses, C expressions, assembly labels, or line numbers.
   - ❑ From the Module combo box, select a specific filename.
   - ❑ From the Function combo box, select a specific function name.

   See Table 8–3 for a list of valid combinations.
5) Click Disable.
6) Click Close to close the dialog box.

Reenabling a disabled area

When an area has been disabled and you would like to profile it once again, you must enable the area. To reenable an area, click the white arrow(s) next to marked line, range, or function; the area will once again be highlighted with a green arrow.

You can also reenable an area by using the Profile Marking dialog box:

1) Open the Profile Marking dialog box by using one of these methods:
   - ❑ From the Tools→Profile menu, select Select Areas.
   - ❑ From the context menu for the Profile window, select Select Areas.

   This displays the Profile Marking dialog box.
2) In the Level box, select C, Assembly, or Both.
3) In the Area box, select Lines, Ranges, Functions, or All areas. See Table 8–3 for a list of valid combinations.
4) Depending on what you select in step 3, do one or more of the following:
   - ❑ Next to Lines, enter an absolute address, C expression, assembly label, or line number.
   - ❑ Next to Ranges, enter a Start and an End value as an absolute address, C expression, assembly label, or line number.
   - ❑ From the Module combo box, select a specific filename.
   - ❑ From the Function combo box, select a specific function name.

   See Table 8–3 for a list of valid combinations.
5) Click Enable.
6) Click Close to close the dialog box.

Unmarking an area

If you want to stop collecting information about a specific area, unmark it.

The easiest way to unmark an area is to double-click the green or white arrow(s) next to marked line, range, or function. This unmarks the line, range, or function.

You can also unmark an area by using the Profile Marking dialog box:

1) Open the Profile Marking dialog box by using one of these methods:
   - ❏ From the Tools→Profile menu, select Select Areas.
   - ❏ From the context menu for the Profile window, select Select Areas.
2) In the Level box, select C, Assembly, or Both.
3) In the Area box, select Lines, Ranges, Functions, or All areas. See Table 8–3 for a list of valid combinations.
4) Depending on what you select in step 3, do one or more of the following:
   - ❏ Next to Lines, enter an absolute address, C expression, assembly label, or line number.
   - ❏ Next to Ranges, enter a Start and an End value as absolute addresses, C expressions, assembly labels, or line numbers.
   - ❏ From the Module combo box, select a specific filename.
   - ❏ From the Function combo box, select a specific function name.

   See Table 8–3 for a list of valid combinations.
5) Click Unmark.
6) Click Close to close the dialog box.

Restrictions on profiling areas

The following restrictions apply to profiling areas:

- ❏ An area cannot begin or end in the delay slot of a load instruction (emulator only).
- ❏ An area cannot begin in the delay slot of a branch instruction.
- ❏ An area can end in the last delay slot of a branch instruction but cannot end in any other delay slot of a branch instruction.

Table 8–3. Disabling, Enabling, Unmarking, or Viewing Areas

(a) Disabling, enabling, unmarking, or viewing lines

To identify this area...	If the C level is selected...	If the Assembly level is selected...	If the Both level is selected...
By line number, address†	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Lines. ❑ Next to Lines, specify a line number.	❑ In the Area box, select Lines. ❑ Next to Lines, specify an absolute address, a C expression, or an assembly label.	Not applicable
All lines in a function	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select Lines.	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select Lines.	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select Lines.
All lines in a module	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Lines.	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Lines.	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Lines.
All lines everywhere	❑ In the Area box, select Lines. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.	❑ In the Area box, select Lines. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.	❑ In the Area box, select Lines. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.

† You cannot specify line numbers or addresses when using the Profile View dialog box.

(b) Disabling, enabling, unmarking, or viewing ranges

To identify this area...	If the C level is selected...	If the Assembly level is selected...	If the Both level is selected...
By line numbers, addresses†	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Ranges. ❑ Next to Ranges, specify a Start line number and an End line number.	❑ In the Area box, select Ranges. ❑ Next to Ranges, specify a Start and an End value as absolute addresses, C expressions, or assembly labels.	Not applicable
All ranges in a function	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select Ranges.	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select Ranges.	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select Ranges.
All ranges in a module	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Ranges.	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Ranges.	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Ranges.
All ranges everywhere	❑ In the Area box, select Ranges. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.	❑ In the Area box, select Ranges. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.	❑ In the Area box, select Ranges. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.

† You cannot specify line numbers or addresses when using the Profile View dialog box.

Table 8–3. Disabling, Enabling, Unmarking, or Viewing Areas (Continued)

(c) Disabling, enabling, unmarking, or viewing functions

To identify this area...	If the C level is selected...	If the Assembly level is selected...	If the Both level is selected...
By function name	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select Functions.	Not applicable	Not applicable
All functions in a module	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Functions.	Not applicable	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select Functions.
All functions everywhere	❑ In the Area box, select Functions. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.	Not applicable	❑ In the Area box, select Functions. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.

(d) Disabling, enabling, unmarking, or viewing all areas

To identify this area...	If the C level is selected	If the Assembly level is selected	If the Both level is selected
All areas in a function	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select All areas.	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select All areas.	❑ Select a function name. ❑ In the Area box, select All areas.
All areas in a module	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select All areas.	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select All areas.	❑ Select a module name. ❑ In the Area box, select All areas.
All areas everywhere	❑ In the Area box, select All areas. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.	❑ In the Area box, select All areas. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.	❑ In the Area box, select All areas. ❑ Be sure that Function and Module are set to N/A.

8.5 Defining a Stopping Point

Before you run a profiling session, you must identify the point where the debugger should stop collecting statistics. By default, C programs contain an *exit* label, and this is defined as the default stopping point when you load your program. (You can delete exit as a stopping point, if you choose.) If your program does not contain an exit label, or if you prefer to stop at a different point, you can use a software breakpoint to define another stopping point. You can set multiple breakpoints; the debugger stops at the first one it finds.

Even though no statistics can be gathered for areas following a breakpoint, the areas will be listed in the Profile window.

Note:

You cannot set a software breakpoint on a statement that has already been defined as a part of a profile area.

Setting and clearing a software breakpoint in the profiling environment is similar to setting and clearing a software breakpoint in the basic debugging environment. For more information about setting and clearing software breakpoints, see section 6.7 on page 6-14.

Setting a software breakpoint

To set a breakpoint, *double-click* next to the statement in the Disassembly or File window where you want the breakpoint to occur.

You can also set a breakpoint using the Breakpoint Control dialog box:

1) Open the Breakpoint Control dialog box by using one of these methods:

   ❑ Click the Breakpoint Dialog icon on the toolbar:

   ❑ From the Configure menu, select Breakpoints.

2) In the Address field of the Breakpoint Control dialog box, enter an absolute address, any C expression, the name of a C function, or an assembly language label.

3) Click Add. The new breakpoint appears in the breakpoint list.

4) Click Close to close the Breakpoint Control dialog box.

Clearing a software breakpoint

To clear a breakpoint, *double-click* the breakpoint symbol (●) in the File or Disassembly window.

You can also clear a breakpoint by using the Breakpoint Control dialog box:

1) Open the Breakpoint Control dialog box by using one of these methods:
   - ❑ Click the Breakpoint Dialog icon on the toolbar:

   - ❑ From the Configure menu, select Breakpoints.
2) Select the address of the breakpoint that you want to clear.
3) Click Delete. The breakpoint is removed from the breakpoint list.
4) Click Close to close the Breakpoint Control dialog box.

8.6 Running a Profiling Session

Once you have defined profile areas and a stopping point, you can run a profiling session. You can run two types of profiling sessions:

- A *full profile* collects a full set of statistics for the defined profile areas.
- A *quick profile* collects a subset of the available statistics (it does not collect exclusive or exclusive max data, which are described in section 8.7 on page 8-20). This reduces overhead because the debugger does not have to track entering/exiting subroutines within an area.

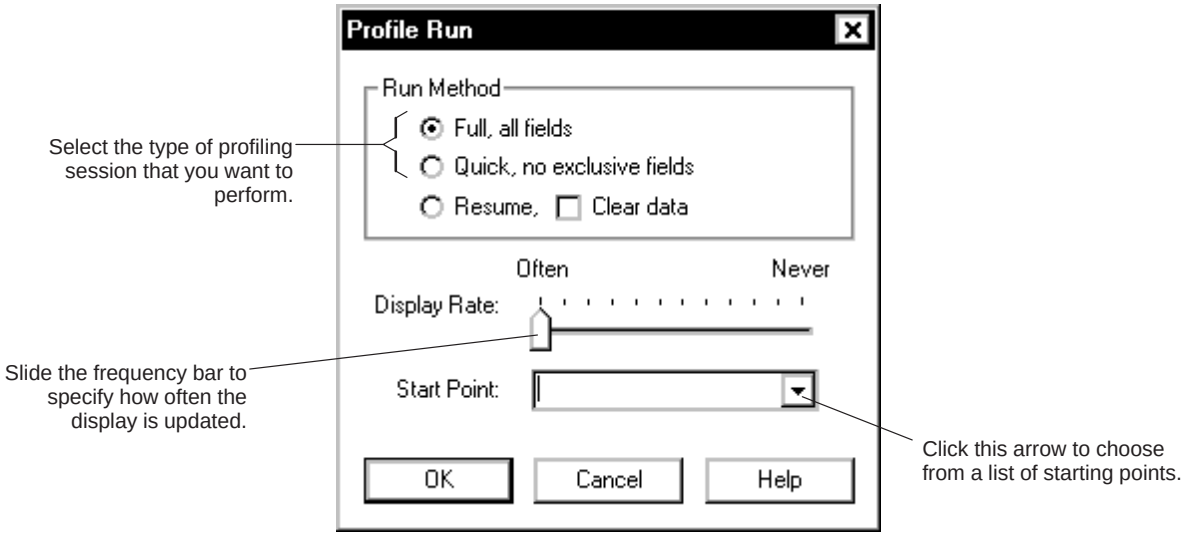
Running a full or a quick profiling session

To run a profiling session, follow these steps:

1) Open the Profile Run dialog box by using one of these methods:
   - Click the Run icon on the toolbar:

   - From the Debug menu, select Run.
   - Press F5.

   This displays the Profile Run dialog box:



2) In the Run Method box, select the type of profiling session that you want to perform: Full or Quick.

3) Slide the Display Rate frequency bar to specify how often the display is updated.

   You can choose a Display Rate from Often to Never. A Display Rate of Never causes the profiler to display profiling information only when the profiling session is complete.

4) In the Start Point field, enter the starting point for the profiling session. The starting point can be a label, a function name, or a memory address. If you specify a memory address, be sure to prefix the address with **0x**.

   You can choose from a list of starting points by clicking on the arrow at the end of the Start Point field.

5) Click OK.

After you click OK, your program **restarts** and **runs to the defined starting point**. You can tell that the debugger is profiling because the status bar changes to *Target: Profiling*, as shown here.

Profiling begins when the starting point is reached and continues until a stopping point is reached or until you halt the profiling session by doing one of the following:

- ❑ Click the Halt icon on the toolbar:

- ❑ From the Debug menu, select Halt!.
- ❑ Press ESC.

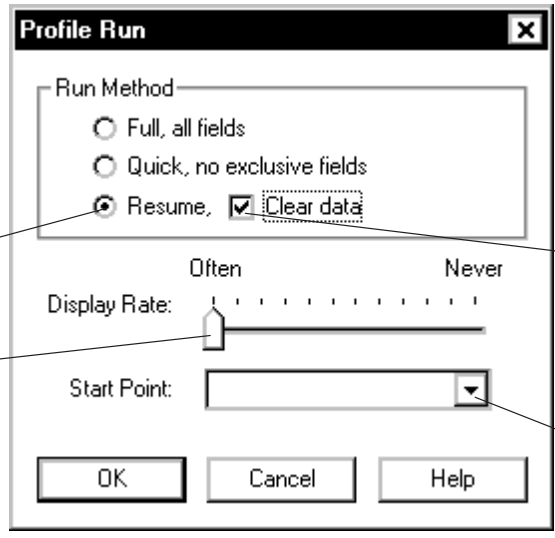
Resuming a profiling session that has halted

To resume a profiling session that has halted, follow these steps:

1) Open the Profile Run dialog box by using one of these methods:
   - ❑ Click the Run icon on the toolbar:

   - ❑ From the Debug menu, select Run.
   - ❑ Press F5.

   This displays the Profile Run dialog box:



2) In the Run Method box, select Resume.
3) If you want to clear out the previously collected data, select Clear data in the Run Method box.
4) Slide the Display Rate scale to specify how often the display is updated.

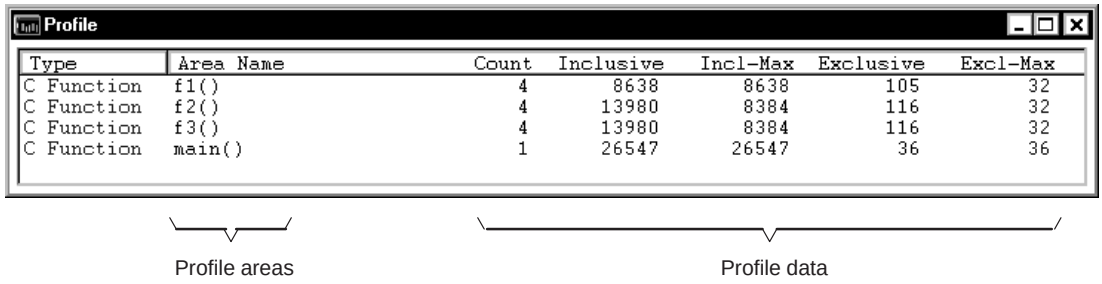
   You can choose a Display Rate from Often to Never. A Display Rate of Never causes the profiler to display profiling information only when the profiling session is complete.
5) In the Start Point field, enter the starting point for the profiling session. The starting point can be a label, a function name, or a memory address. If you specify a memory address, be sure to prefix the address with **0x**.

   You can choose from a list of starting points by clicking on the arrow at the end of the Start Point field.
6) Click OK.

8.7 Viewing Profile Data

The statistics collected during a profiling session are displayed in the Profile window. Figure 8–1 shows an example of this window.

Figure 8–1. An Example of the Profile Window



The example in Figure 8–1 shows the Profile window with some default conditions:

- Column headings show the labels for the default set of profile data, including *Count, Inclusive, Incl-Max, Exclusive*, and *Excl-Max*.
- The data is sorted on the address of the first line in each area.
- All marked areas are listed, including disabled areas.

You can modify the Profile window to display selected profile areas or different data; you can also sort the data differently. The following subsections explain how to do these things.

Viewing different profile data

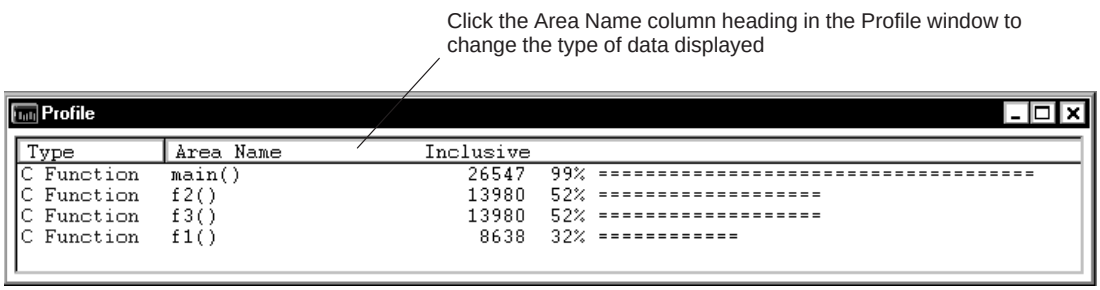
By default, the Profile window shows a set of statistics labeled as Count, Inclusive, Incl-Max, Exclusive, and Excl-Max. The Address field, which is not part of the default statistics, can also be displayed. Table 8–4 describes the statistic that each field represents.

Table 8–4. Types of Data Shown in the Profile Window

Label	Profile Data
Count	The number of times a profile area is entered during a session
Inclusive	The total execution time (cycle count) of a profile area, including the execution time of any subroutines called from within the profile area
Incl-Max (inclusive maximum)	The maximum inclusive time for one iteration of a profile area
Exclusive	The total execution time (cycle count) of a profile area, excluding the execution time of any subroutines called from within the profile area In general, the exclusive data provides the best statistics for comparing the execution time of one profile area to another area.
Excl-Max (exclusive maximum)	The maximum exclusive time for one iteration of a profile area
Address	The memory address of the line. If the area is a function or range, the Address field shows the memory address of the first line in the area.

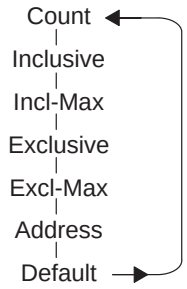
In addition to viewing this data in the default manner, you can view each of these statistics individually. The benefit of viewing them individually is that in addition to a cycle count, you are also supplied with a percentage indication and a histogram.

To view the fields individually, click the Area Name column heading in the Profile window.


Click the Area Name column heading in the Profile window to change the type of data displayed
Profile
Type
Area Name
Inclusive
C Function main() 26547 99%
C Function f2() 13980 52%
C Function f3() 13980 52%
C Function f1() 8638 32%

When you click the Area Name column heading in the Profile window, fields are displayed individually in the order shown in Figure 8–2.

Figure 8–2. Cycling Through the Profile Window Fields



Note: Exclusive and Excl-Max are shown only when you run a full profile.

One advantage of using the mouse is that you can change the display while you are profiling.

You can also use the Profile View dialog box to select the field you want to display. To do so, follow these steps:

1) Open the Profile View dialog box by using one of these methods:

   - ❑ From the Tools→Profile menu, select Change View.
   - ❑ From the context menu for the Profile window, select Change View.

   This displays the Profile View dialog box.

2) In the Display Field box, select the data field that you want to display:

3) Click OK.

Sorting profile data

By default, the data displayed in the Profile window is sorted according to the memory addresses of the displayed areas. The area with the least significant address is listed first, followed by the area with the next least significant address, etc. When you view fields individually, the data is automatically sorted from highest cycle count to lowest (instead of by address).

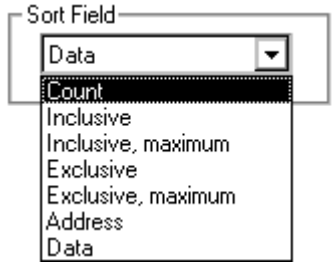
To sort the data on any of the data fields, follow these steps:

1) Open the Profile View dialog box by using one of these methods:

   - ❏ From the Tools→Profile menu, select Change View.
   - ❏ From the context menu for the Profile window, select Change View.

   This displays the Profile View dialog box.

2) In the Sort Field box, select the data field that you want to sort on:



3) Click OK.

For example, to sort all the data on the basis of values of the Inclusive field, select Inclusive in the Sort Field box. The area with the highest Inclusive field displays first, and the area with the lowest Inclusive field displays last. This applies even when you are viewing individual fields.

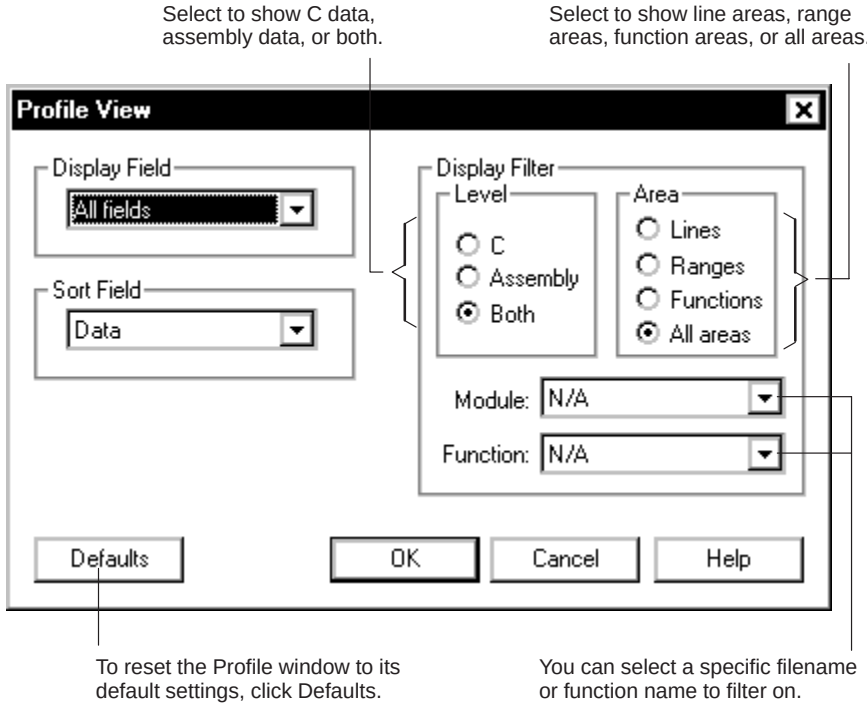
Viewing different profile areas

By default, all marked areas are listed in the Profile window. You can modify the window to display selected areas. To do this, follow these steps:

1) Open the Profile View dialog box by using one of these methods:

   ❏ From the Tools→Profile menu, select Change View.
   ❏ From the context menu for the Profile window, select Change View.

   This displays the Profile View dialog box.



2) In the Level box, select C, Assembly, or Both.

3) In the Area box, select Lines, Ranges, Functions, or All areas. See Table 8–3 on page 8-13 on for a list of valid combinations.

4) If you want to view areas within a specific file or function, do one of the following:

   ❏ From the Module combo box, select a specific filename.
   ❏ From the Function combo box, select a specific function name.

   See Table 8–3 on page 8-13 for a list of valid combinations.

5) Click OK.

If you want to reset the Profile window to its default characteristics, use the Profile View dialog box (Profile→Change View). Click the Defaults button, then click OK.

Interpreting session data

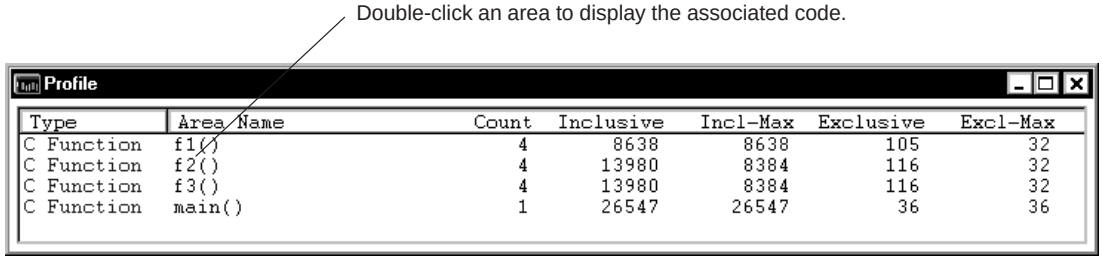
General information about a profiling session is displayed in the Command window during and after the session. This information identifies the starting and stopping points. It also lists statistics for three important areas:

- *Run cycles* shows the number of execution cycles consumed by the program from the starting point to the stopping point.
- *Profile cycles* equals the run cycles minus the cycles consumed by disabled areas.
- *Hits* shows the number of internal breakpoints encountered during the profiling session.

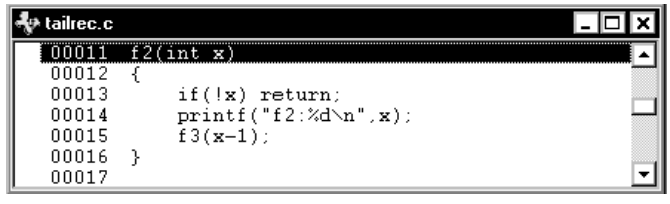
Viewing code associated with a profile area

You can view the code associated with a displayed profile area. The debugger updates the display so that the associated C or disassembly statements are shown in the File or Disassembly window.

To select the profile area in the Profile window and display the associated code, double-click the area that you want to display:


Double-click an area to display the associated code.
Profile
Type Area Name Count Inclusive Incl-Max Exclusive Excl-Max
C Function f1() 4 8638 8638 105 32
C Function f2() 4 13980 8384 116 32
C Function f3() 4 13980 8384 116 32
C Function main() 1 26547 26547 36 36

If the area is a function name, the debugger opens a File window and displays that function:



If the area is in disassembly code, the debugger displays that code in the Disassembly window.

To view the code associated with another area, double-click another area.

If you are attempting to show disassembly, you might need to make several attempts, because you can access program memory only when the target is not running.

8.8 Saving Profile Data to a File

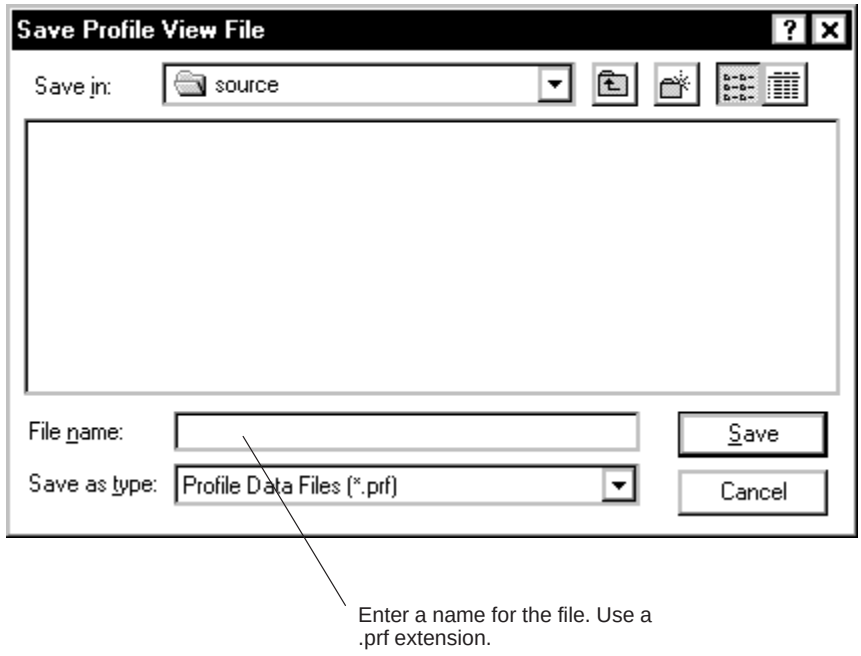
You may want to run several profiling sessions during a debugging session. Whenever you start a new profiling session, the results of the previous session are lost. However, you can save the results of the current profiling session to a system file.

The saved file contents are in ASCII and are formatted in exactly the same manner as they are displayed (or would be displayed) in the Profile window. The general profiling-session information that is displayed in the Command window is also written to the file.

Saving the contents of the Profile window

To save the contents of the Profile window to a system file, follow these steps:

1) From the Tools→Profile menu, select Save View. This displays the Save Profile View File dialog box:



2) In the File name field, enter a name for the file. You can use a .prf extension to identify the file as a profile data file.

3) Click Save.

This saves only the current view; if, for example, you are viewing only the Count field, then only that information is saved. If the file already exists, debugger overwrites the file with the new data.

Saving all data for currently displayed areas

To save all data for the currently displayed areas, follow these steps:

1) From the Tools→Profile menu, select Save All. This displays the Save Profile File dialog box.

2) In the File name field, enter a name for the file. You can use a .prf extension to identify the file as a profile data file.

3) Click Save.

This saves all views of the data—including the individual count, inclusive, etc.—with the percentage indications and histograms. If the file already exists, debugger overwrites the file with the new data.

Chapter 9

Monitoring Hardware Functions with the Emulator Analysis Interface

The ’C54x has an on-chip analysis module that allows the emulator to monitor hardware functions. Using the analysis module, you can count occurrences of certain hardware functions or set hardware breakpoints on these occurrences.

You access the analysis features through dialog boxes described in this chapter. These dialog boxes provide a transparent means of loading the special set of pseudoregisters that the debugger uses to access the on-chip analysis module.

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9.1 Major Functions of the Analysis Module

The ’C54x analysis module provides a detailed look into events occurring in hardware, expanding your debugging capabilities beyond software breakpoints. The analysis module examines ’C54x bus cycle information in real time and reacts to this information through actions such as hardware breakpoints and event counting. The analysis module allows you to:

- **Count events.** The analysis module has an *internal counter* that can count nine types of *events*. You can count the number of times a defined bus event or other internal event occurs during execution of your program.

  Events that can be counted include:

  - Data accesses
  - Program accesses
  - CPU clock cycles
  - Calls taken
  - Pipeline clocks
  - Interrupts or traps taken
  - Returns from interrupts, traps, or calls
  - Instruction fetches
  - Branches taken

  You can count only one event at a time.

- **Set hardware breakpoints.** You can also set up the analysis module to halt the processor during execution of your program. The events that cause the processor to stop are called *break events*. You can define a break event as one or more of the following conditions:

  - Data accesses
  - Discontinuity
  - Program accesses
  - Calls taken
  - Event counter passing 0
  - Low levels on EMU0/1 pins (EMU0 and EMU1)
  - Interrupts or traps taken
  - Returns from interrupts, traps, or calls
  - Pipeline clock
  - Branches taken

  Hardware break events allow you to set breakpoints in ROM as well as set separate breakpoints on program and data accesses. In addition, any of the debugger’s basic features available with software breakpoints can also be used with hardware breakpoints. As a result, you can take advantage of all the step and most of the run commands.

- **Set global breakpoints with EMU0/1 pins.** In a system of multiple ’C54x processors connected by EMU0/1 (emulation event) pins, setting up the EMU0/1 pins allows you to create global breakpoints. Whenever one processor in your system reaches a breakpoint (software or hardware), *all* processors in the system can be halted.

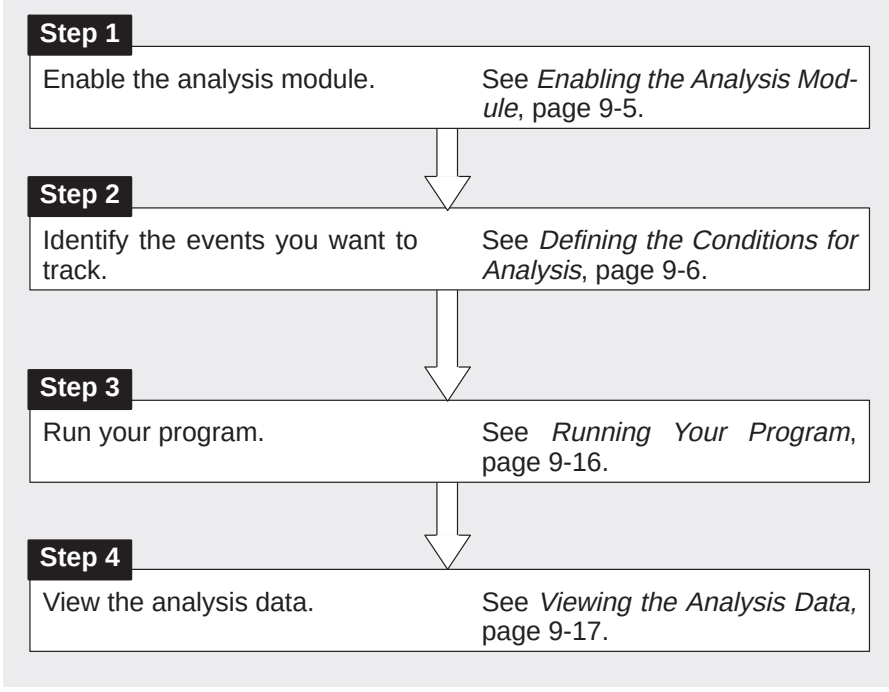
  In addition to setting global breakpoints, you can set up the EMU0/1 pins to take advantage of the emulator’s external counter. The *external counter* keeps track of the internal counter; each time the internal counter passes 0, a signal is sent through the EMU0/1 pins, incrementing the external counter.

- **Track the PC discontinuity stack.** *Discontinuity* occurs when the addresses fetched by the debugger become nonsequential as a result of loading the PC (through branches, calls, or return instructions, for example) with new values.

  You can view these values through the PC discontinuity stack and easily track the progress of your program to see exactly how the debugger reached its current state.

9.2 Overview of the Analysis Process

Completing an analysis session consists of four simple steps:


Step 1
Enable the analysis module.
See *Enabling the Analysis Module*, page 9-5.
Step 2
Identify the events you want to track.
See *Defining the Conditions for Analysis*, page 9-6.
Step 3
Run your program.
See *Running Your Program*, page 9-16.
Step 4
View the analysis data.
See *Viewing the Analysis Data,* page 9-17.

9.3 Enabling the Analysis Module

When the debugger comes up, analysis is disabled by default. To begin tracking system events, you must explicitly enable analysis by selecting Enable Events on the Tools→Analysis menu. When you select Enable Events, a check mark appears next to the menu item, indicating analysis is enabled. To disable analysis, select Enable Events again, and the check mark disappears, indicating analysis is disabled.

When analysis is disabled, all the events you previously enabled remain unchanged. You can simply reenable analysis and use the events you already defined.

During a single debugging session, you may want to change the parameters of the analysis module several times. For example, you may want to define new parameters such as data bus accesses, tracking CPU clock cycles, etc. To do this, you must open the individual dialog boxes, deselect any previous events, and select the new events you want to track.

Note:

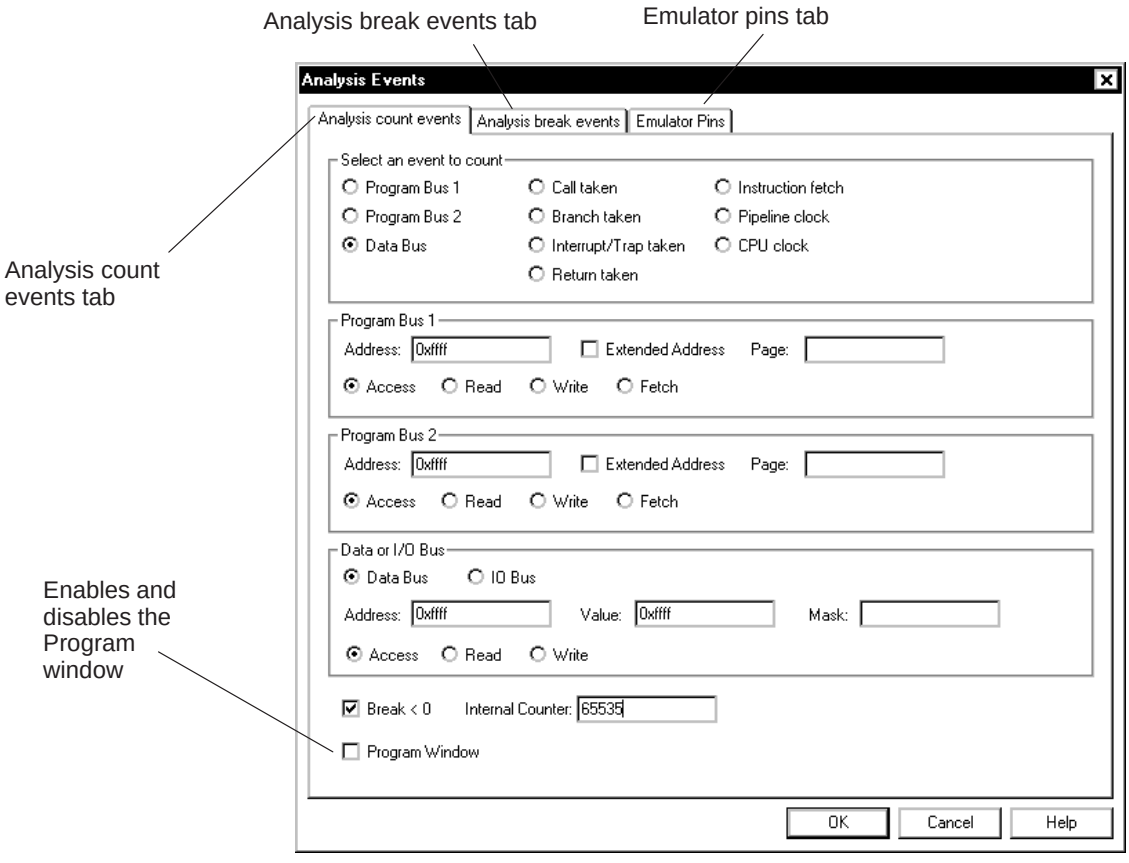
You must enable the analysis module only once during a debugging session. It is not necessary to enable the analysis module each time you run your program.

9.4 Defining the Conditions for Analysis

The analysis module detects hardware events and monitors the internal signals of the processor according to the parameters you define that count events or halt the processor.

You must define the conditions the analysis module must meet to track a particular event. To do this, select the events you want to track by enabling the appropriate conditions in the Analysis Events dialog boxes. To bring up the Analysis Events dialog boxes, select the Setup Events... option found on the Tools→Analysis menu.

Figure 9–1. Analysis Events Dialog Boxes



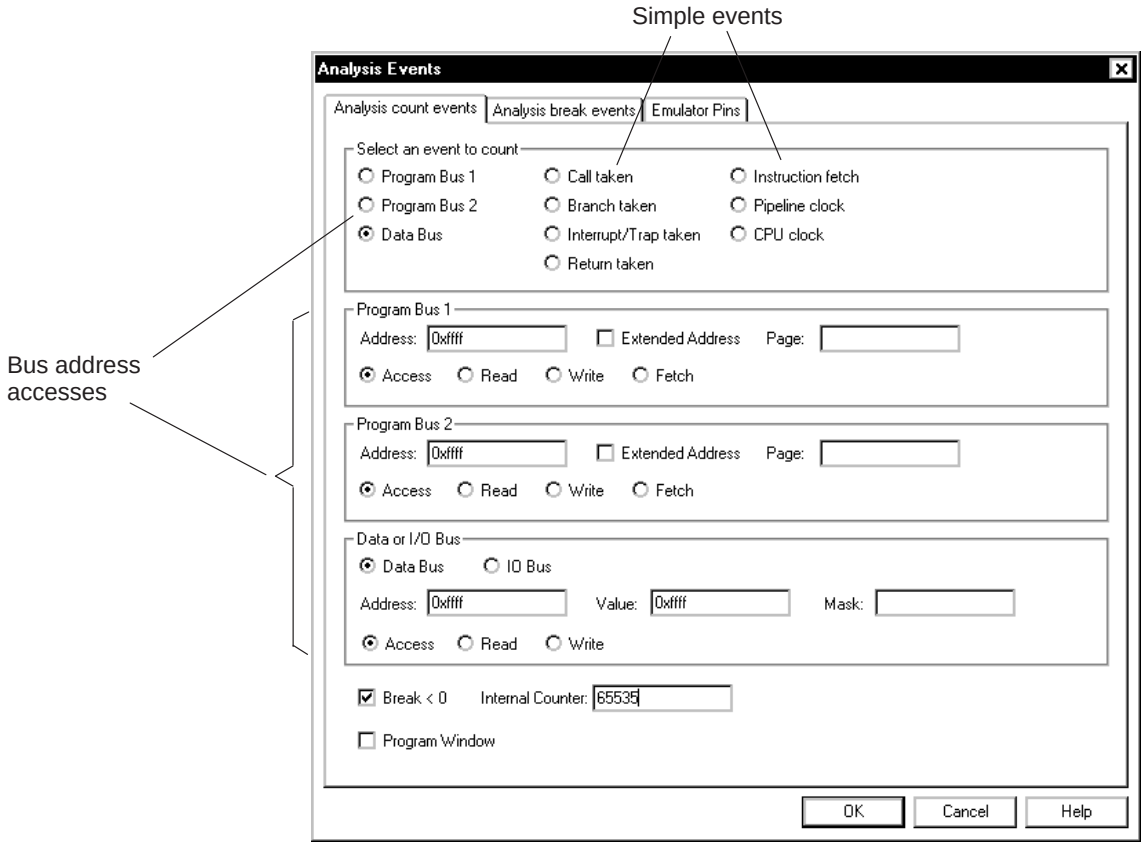
Counting events

The analysis module's internal counter counts bus events and detects other internal events. This counter keeps track of how many times an event occurs. The Analysis count events dialog box allows you to count two basic types of events:

- ❏ Simple events
- ❏ Bus address accesses

Figure 9–2 shows the Analysis count events dialog box and the types of events that you can select. To count any of the events, simply select that event. You can count only one type of event at a time.

Figure 9–2. The Two Basic Types of Events That Can Be Counted



To watch the progress of the event counter, view the status of the event in the Analysis Statistics window.

You can use event counting in one of two ways: you can either stop processing after a certain number of events are detected, or you can count the number of times a defined event occurs. To count the number of times an event occurs, simply enable the event in the Analysis count events dialog box as shown in Figure 9–2.

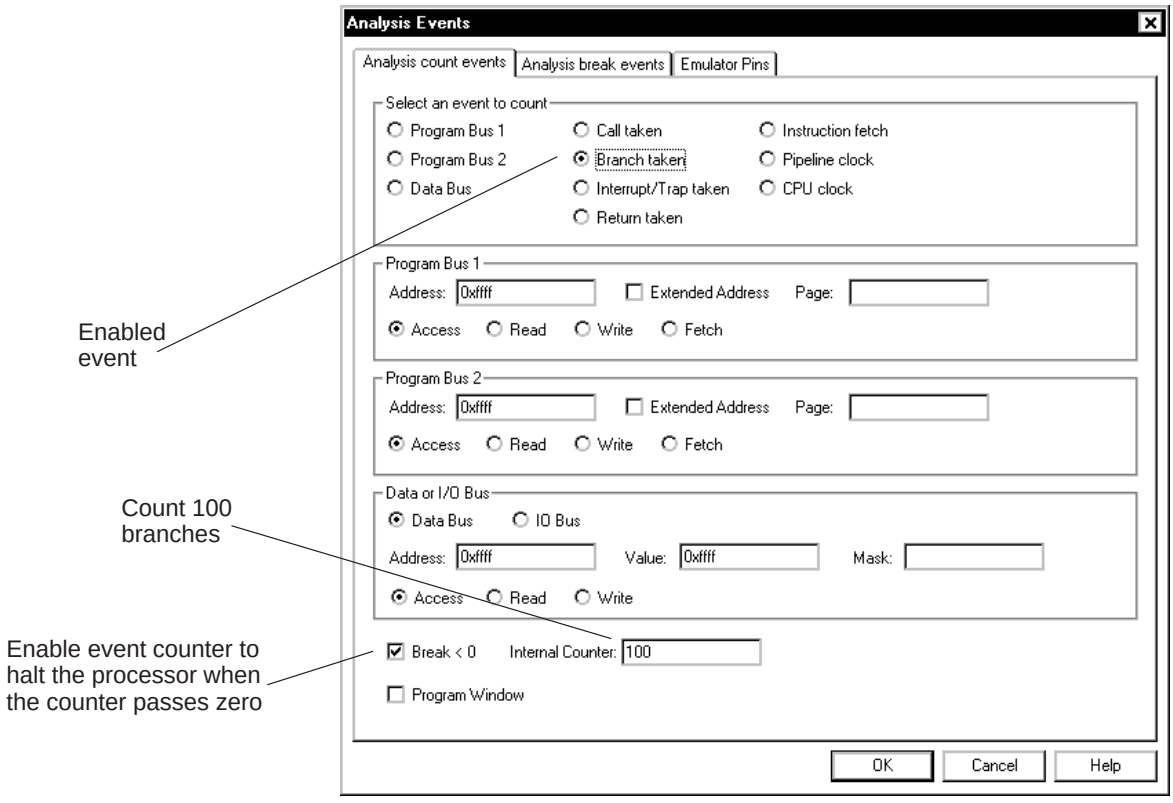
The analysis module has an internal counter that counts bus events as well as detects other internal events. This counter keeps track of how many times an event occurs. To stop after a certain number of events are detected, follow these steps:

- ❏ Specify the event you want to count
- ❏ Enable the internal counter *(Break < 0*)
- ❏ Load the counter with the number of events you want to count

The internal counter decrements each time the specified event is detected.

For example, you may want to follow the progress of branches taken during execution of your program, but you may want the processor to stop after 100 branches have occurred. In this case, the counter is responsible for keeping track of the branches taken and signaling the processor to stop after the 100th branch event occurs. When the internal counter passes 0, the debugger halts the processor. Figure Figure 9–3 illustrates how to count 100 branches and to halt the processor on the 100th branch.

Figure 9–3. Enabling the Event Counter



To watch the progress of the event counter, open the Analysis Statistics window using the View menu. For more information on the Analysis Statistics window, see Section 9.6 on page 9-17.

Enabling the external counter

The emulator's *external counter* (clock) keeps track of the internal counter. The internal counter is a 16-bit, count-down counter that can keep track of a maximum of 65536 events. The external counter, however, is a 32-bit incremental counter. Each time the internal counter passes 0, a signal sent through the EMU0/1 pins increments the external counter. To use the emulator's external counter, simply select the External Clock checkbox in the Emulator Pins dialog box.

Notes:

1) Enabling the external clock disables all internal clock options in the Analysis break events and Analysis count events dialog boxes.

2) Enabling the external clock in the Emulator Pins dialog box carries the following restrictions:

   - You can enable only one external clock when you have multiple processors (that are connected by their EMU0/1 pins) in a system.
   - No other external devices can actively drive the EMU0/1 pins.

Setting hardware breakpoints

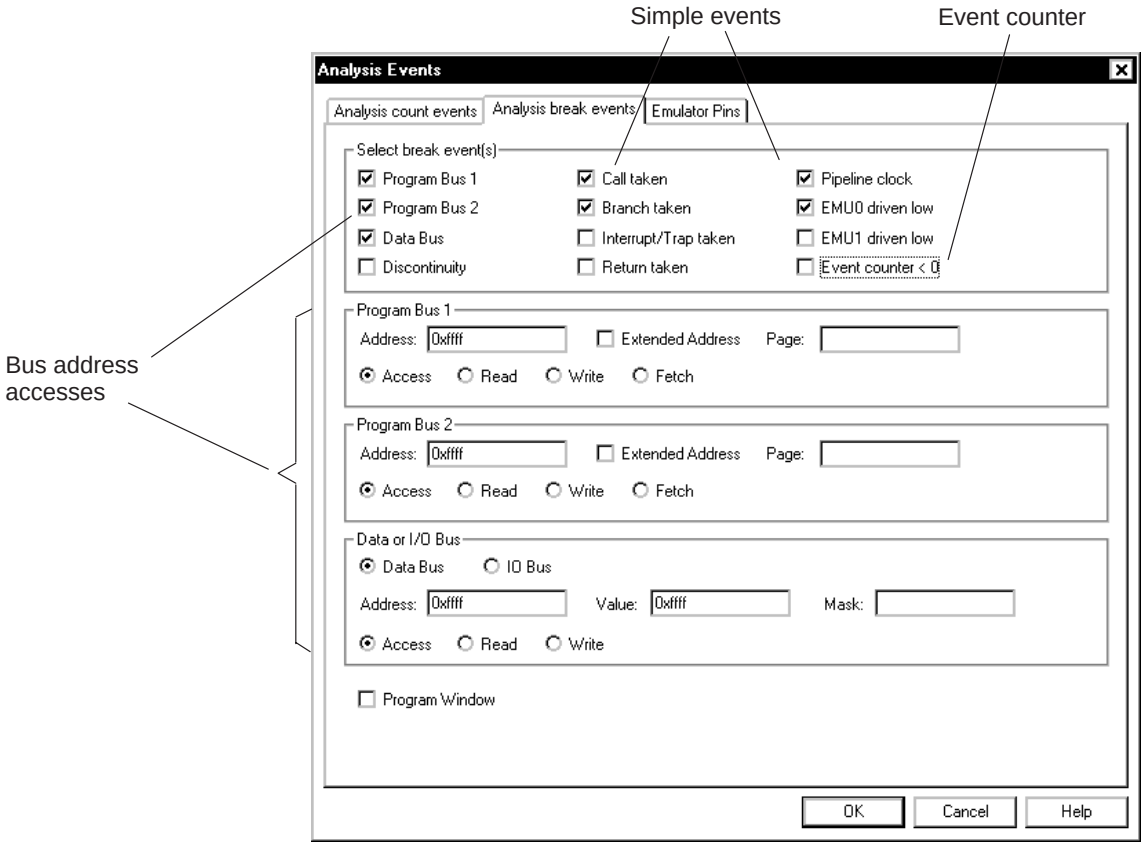
You can set a hardware breakpoint, which halts the processor, on three types of events:

- ❑ The event counter passing 0
- ❑ Simple events
- ❑ Bus address accesses

You can select as many events as you want. To specify one or more events on which to halt the processor, follow these steps:

1) From the Tools→Analysis menu, select Setup Events....

2) Select the Analysis break events tab from the Analysis Events dialog box. The Analysis break events dialog box appears:



3) Select the event or events on which you want to set a hardware breakpoint by clicking the check box(es) next to that event or events.

The events selected cause the debugger to halt the processor whenever the occurrence of a call taken, a branch taken, a pipeline clock, the EMU0 pin being driven low, or a program or data bus being accessed is detected.

If you want to enable a hardware breakpoint at a particular program or data address, you can enter the address as a symbol or value in any format.

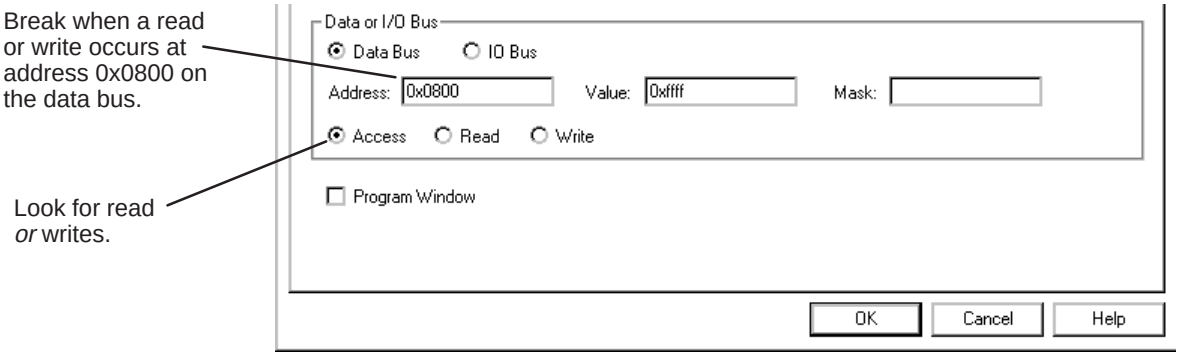
Setting up the event comparators

The analysis module has separate event comparators for the program and data buses. You can set up analysis to either count the number of accesses to a certain bus address or halt the processor on accesses to a specified address.

The program and data bus fields in the Analysis break events dialog box are identical to the program and data bus fields in the Analysis count events dialog box. As a result, changing the values in these fields in either dialog box affects *both* of these dialog boxes.

The program bus supports noninstruction read and write accesses and instruction fetches. If you enable the Access qualifier, noninstruction reads and writes are detected. If you enable the Fetch qualifier, only program fetches are detected.

Similarly, if you select Data Bus, load the data address field with 0x0800 and select Access in the Analysis break events dialog box, the processor halts every time a read or write occurs on the data bus at address 0x0800:



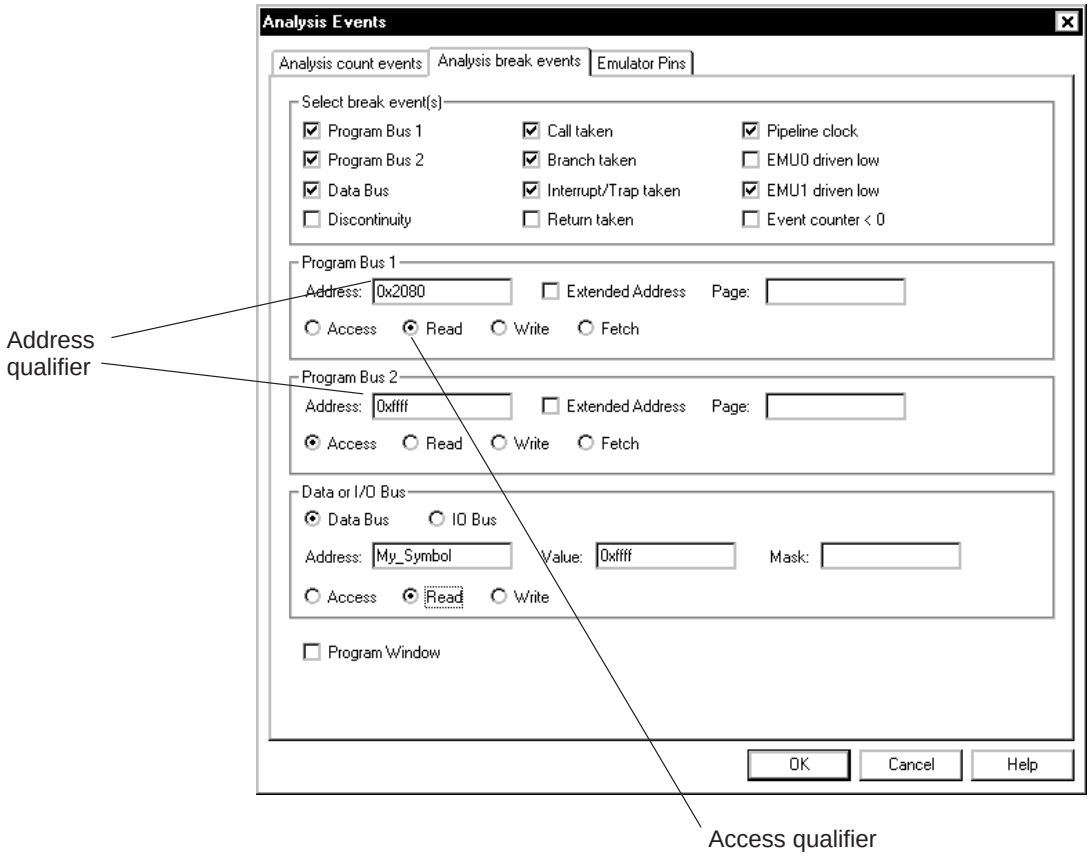
Enabling one of the program or data bus comparators in the Analysis count events dialog box allows you to count the number of accesses that are detected or to stop processing after a certain number of accesses have occurred.

In Figure 9–4, several events are enabled in the Analysis Break Events dialog box, including the data bus; however, data and program bus accesses need further qualification. They need:

- ❑ Address qualification
- ❑ Access qualification

For example, Read and My_Symbol, which are selected for the data bus, represent access and address qualifiers, respectively. They further define the conditions necessary to halt the emulator.

Figure 9–4. Enabling Break Events



Address qualification allows you to enter an address expression (a specific address, symbol, or function name). Access qualification allows you to track reads, writes, both reads and writes (accesses), or program fetches to a single address. In Figure 9–4, the debugger halts the processor any time a read from the address at My_Symbol occurs.

When the Program Window checkbox is selected, the debugger compares only the values that occur in the logical window defined by program breakpoints 1 and 2. The program breakpoint 1 address is the window start address and the program breakpoint 2 address is the window end address. The resulting logical window represents the mask value that the debugger uses to check for the data value.

If the mask value is 0, then any value in the given data address is trapped, providing that the access type matches. If the mask value is 0xffff, then the mask value is not used; when the data address value matches the specified data value, the data breakpoint is trapped. Otherwise, the mask value and the data value are used to continue checking for the desired data pattern according to the following algorithm:

```
if ( NOT( (data_bus XOR data_val) AND mask_val) )
  {
    data_break_point_found = TRUE ;
  }
```

The data mask algorithm entails the following steps:

1) Find the difference (exclusive OR) between the value on the data bus and the data value specified.

2) Mask the result of step 1 to get the desired bits.

3) If the result of step 2 is 0, the desired data pattern was found, else the data pattern was not found.

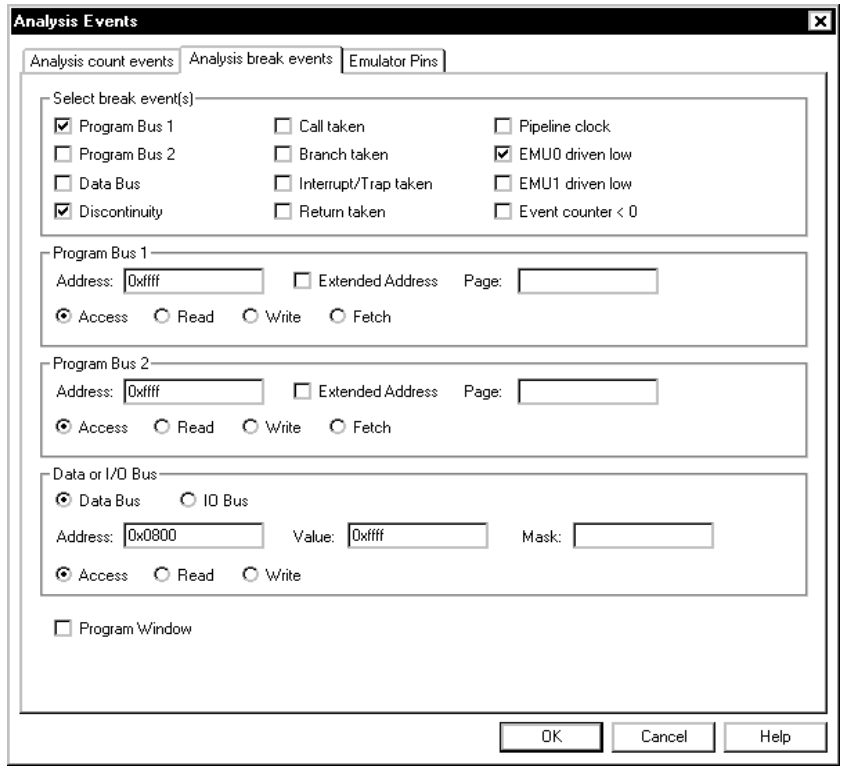
Setting up the EMU0/1 pins to set global breakpoints

To set the EMU0/1 pins to output, select the EMU0 trigger out or EMU1 trigger out checkbox in the Emulator Pins dialog box.

By default, the EMU0/1 pins are set up as input signals; however, you can set them up as output signals or *trigger out* whenever the processor is halted by a software or hardware breakpoint. This is extremely useful when you have multiple ’C54x processors in a system connected by their EMU0/1 pins.

Selecting EMU0/1 does not, however, automatically halt all processors in the system. To do so, you must enable the EMU0/1 driven-low condition in the Analysis break events dialog box. For example, if you have a system consisting of two processors connected by their EMU0 pins and you want to halt both processors when this pin is driven low, you must enable the EMU0 driven low option in the Analysis break events dialog box of one of the processors, as shown in Figure 9–5.

Figure 9–5. Setting Up Global Breakpoints on a System of Two ’C54x Processors



When processor 1 halts, its EMU0 signal halts processor 2. Setting up each processor in this way creates a global breakpoint so that any processor that reaches a breakpoint halts all other processors in the system.

9.5 Running Your Program

Once you have defined your parameters, the analysis module can begin collecting data as soon as you run your program. It will stop collecting data when the defined conditions are met. The analysis module monitors the progress of the defined events while your program is running.

Note:

The conditions for the analysis session must be defined *before* your analysis session begins; you cannot change conditions *during* execution of your program.

How to run the entire program

To run the entire program, use one of these methods:

- ❏ Click the Run icon on the toolbar:

- ❏ From the Debug menu, select Run.
- ❏ Press F5.
- ❏ From the command line, enter the RUN command. The format for this command is:

  run [*expression*]

You can use any of the debugger run commands (STEP, CSTEP, NEXT, etc.) described in Chapter 6 except the RUNB (run benchmarks) or RUNF (run free) command.

How the Run Benchmark (RUNB) command affects analysis

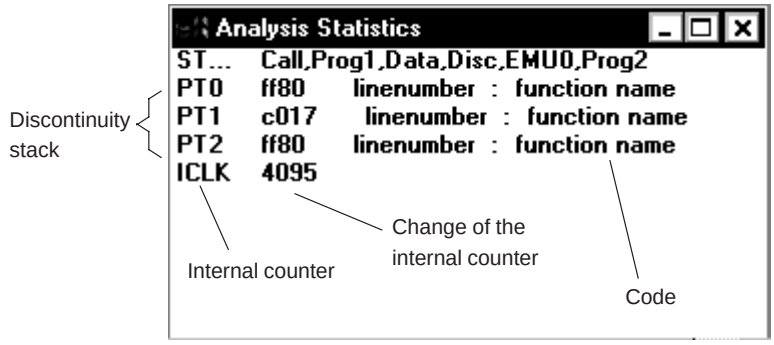
Running your program by selecting the Run Benchmarks option from the Debug menu or entering the RUNB command from the command line disables the current analysis settings and configures the counter to count CPU clock cycles. When the processor is halted after a RUNB, the analysis registers are restored to their original states.

The analysis module provides capabilities in addition to those provided by the RUNB command. With the RUNB command you can count the number of CPU clock cycles only during the execution of a specific section of code. However, the analysis module not only allows you to count CPU clock cycles, it also allows you to count other events.

9.6 Viewing the Analysis Data

You can monitor the status of the analysis module by checking the Analysis Statistics window. This window displays an ongoing progress report of the analysis module's activity. Through this window, you can monitor the status of the break events, the value of both the internal and external event counters, and the values of the PC discontinuity stack. Figure 9–6 illustrates the Analysis Statistics window.

Figure 9–6. Analysis Module View Window, Displaying an Ongoing Status Report



Interpreting the status field

Multiple events can cause the processor to halt at the same time; these events are reflected in the ST field of the Analysis Statistics window. The ST field displays a list of the events that caused the processor to halt. If the analysis module itself did not halt the processor, but something else (such as a software breakpoint) did, then the status line displays "No event detected".

Interpreting the discontinuity stack

The PC discontinuity stack allows you to see how the program reached its current position. The Analysis Statistics window displays both the PC discontinuity stack values and the corresponding C code. A program discontinuity occurs when the program addresses fetched by the debugger become nonsequential as a result of an action such as a branch or an interrupt.

The Analysis window has three fields that represent the PC discontinuity stack:

Analysis Field	Description
PT0	Displays the address of the current code segment.
PT1	Displays the address of the previous code segment.
PT2	Displays the address of the oldest code segment.

The fields next to the PT0, PT1, and PT2 fields list the C code associated with these addresses. This includes the function name and the line number within the function that caused the discontinuity. If no corresponding C code exists, the debugger displays “no function”. Clicking on any field in the PC discontinuity stack causes the File and Disassembly windows to open (in the assembly or mixed mode). The address for that field is displayed in the Disassembly window, while the associated C code is shown in the File window. This allows you to easily track the PC discontinuity values back to their original source.

Interpreting the event counter

You can watch the progress of the event counters in the Analysis Statistics window. The CLK field displays the internal and external counter values with the appropriate prefix—I for internal, and X for external. The value shown next to the internal event counter represents the difference from the last counter value (*delta*). You can change the value of the internal counter by clicking on the appropriate field and entering a new value.

Note:

When counting CPU clock cycles, the counter value reflects startup and latency cycles.

Chapter 10

Using the Parallel Debug Manager

The TMS320C54x emulation system is a true multiprocessing debugging system. It allows you to debug your entire application by using the parallel debug manager (PDM). The PDM is a command shell that controls and coordinates multiple debuggers. This chapter describes the functions that you can perform with the PDM.

See Chapter 2, *Getting Started With the Debugger,* for information about invoking the PDM and debuggers.

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10.1 Identifying Processors and Groups

You can send commands to an individual processor or to a group of processors. To do this, you must assign names to the individual processors or to groups of processors. Individual processor names are assigned when you invoke the individual debuggers; you can assign group names with the SET command after the individual processor names have been assigned.

Note:

Each debugger that runs under the PDM must have a unique processor name. The PDM does not keep track of existing processor names. When you send a command to a debugger, the PDM validates the existence of a debugger invoked with that processor name.

Assigning names to individual processors

You must associate each debugger within the multiprocessing system with a unique name, referred to as a *processor name*. The processor name is used for:

- ❏ Identifying a processor to send commands to
- ❏ Assigning a processor to a group
- ❏ Setting the default prompts for the associated debuggers. For example, if you invoke a debugger with the processor name CPU_A, that debugger's prompt will be CPU_A>.
- ❏ Identifying the individual debuggers on the screen (Sun systems only). The processor name that you assign appears at the top of the operating-system window that contains the debugger. Additionally, if you turn one of the windows into an icon, the icon name is the same as the processor name that you assigned.

To assign a processor name, you can use the –n option when you invoke a debugger. For example, to name one of the 'C54x processors CPU_B, you would use the following command to invoke the debugger:

```
spawn emu54x -n CPU_B ↵
```

From this point on, whenever you needed to identify this debugger, you could identify it by its processor name, CPU_B.

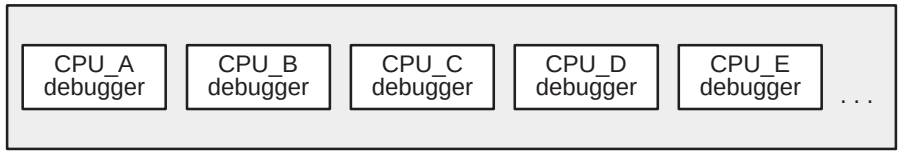
The processor name that you supply can consist of up to eight alphanumeric characters or underscore characters and must begin with an alphabetic character. The name is not case sensitive. The processor name must match one of the names defined in your board configuration file (refer to Appendix C, *Describing Your Target System to the Debugger*).

Organizing processors into groups

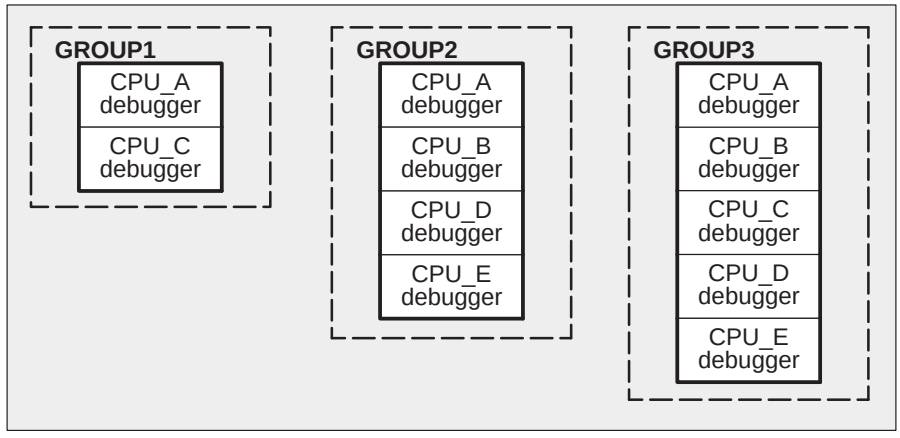
You can organize processors into groups by using the SET command to group processors under one name. Each processor can belong to any group, all groups, or a group of its own. Figure 10–1 *(a)* shows an example of processors in a system, and Figure 10–1 *(b)* illustrates three examples of named groups. GROUP1 contains two processors, GROUP2 contains four processors, and GROUP3 contains five processors.

Figure 10–1. Grouping Processors

(a) All possible processors in a system



(b) Examples of how processors could be grouped



To define and manipulate software groupings of named processors, use the SET and UNSET commands.

❑ Defining a group of processors

To define a group, use the SET command. The format for this command is:

set [*group name* [**=** *list of processor names*]]

This command allows you to specify a group name and the list of processors you want in the group. The *group name* can consist of up to 128 alphanumeric characters or underscore characters.

For example, to create the GROUP1 group illustrated in Figure 10–1 *(b)*, you could enter the following on the PDM command line:

```
set GROUP1 = CPU_A CPU_C
```

The result is a group called GROUP1 that contains the processors named CPU_A and CPU_C. The order in which you add processors to a group is the same order in which commands will be sent to the members of that group.

❑ Setting the default group

Many of the PDM commands can be sent to groups; if you often send commands to the same group and you want to avoid typing the group name each time, you can assign a default group.

To set the default group, use the SET command with a special group name called dgroup. For example, if you want the default group to contain the processors called CPU_B, CPU_D, and CPU_E, enter:

```
set dgroup = CPU_B CPU_D CPU_E
```

The PDM automatically sends commands to the default group when you do not specify a group name.

❑ Modifying an existing group or creating a group based on another group

Once you have created a group, you can add processors to it by using the SET command and preceding the existing *group name* with a dollar sign ($) in the list of processors. You can also use a group as part of another group by preceding the existing group's name with a dollar sign. The dollar sign tells the PDM to use the processors listed previously in the group as part of the new list of processors.

Suppose GROUPA contained CPU_C and CPU_D. If you wanted to add CPU_E to the group, you would enter:

```
set GROUPA = $GROUPA CPU_E
```

After entering this command, GROUPA would contain CPU_C, CPU_D, and CPU_E.

If you decided to send numerous commands to GROUPA, you could make it the default group:

```
set dgroup = $GROUPA ↵
```

❑ Listing all groups of processors

To list all groups of processors in the system, use the SET command without any parameters:

```
set ↵
```

The PDM lists all of the groups and the processors associated with them:

```
GROUP1   "CPU_A CPU_C"
GROUPA   "CPU_C CPU_D CPU_E"
dgroup   "CPU_C CPU_D CPU_E"
```

You can also list all of the processors associated with a particular group by supplying a group name:

```
set dgroup ↵
dgroup   "CPU_C CPU_D CPU_E"
```

❑ Deleting a group

To delete a group, use the UNSET command. The format for this command is:

unset *group name*

You can use this command in conjunction with the SET command to remove a particular processor from a group. For example, suppose GROUPB contained CPU_A, CPU_C, CPU_D, and CPU_E. If you want to remove CPU_E, you can enter:

```
unset GROUPB ↵
set GROUPB = CPU_A CPU_C CPU_D ↵
```

If you want to delete all of the groups you have created, use the UNSET command with an asterisk instead of a group name:

```
unset * ↵
```

The asterisk *does not* work as a wild card.

Note:

When you use UNSET * to delete all of your groups, the default group (dgroup) is also deleted. As a result, if you issue a command such as PRUN and do not specify a group or processor, the command will fail because the PDM cannot find the default group name (dgroup).

10.2 Sending Debugger Commands to One or More Debuggers

The SEND command sends a debugger command to an individual processor or to a group of processors. The command is sent directly to the command interpreter of the individual debuggers. You can send any valid debugger command string.

The syntax for the SEND command is:

send [**–r**] [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}] *debugger command*

- The **–g** option specifies the group or processor that the debugger command should be sent to. If you do not use this option, the command is sent to the default group (dgroup).
- The **–r** (return) option determines when control returns to the PDM command line:
  - **Without –r**, control is not returned to the command line until each debugger in the group finishes running code. Any results that would be printed in the COMMAND window of the individual debuggers will also be echoed in the PDM command window. These results will be displayed by the processor. For example:

    ```
    send ?pc ↵
    [CPU_C]  0x200A
    [CPU_D]  0x2008
    ```

    If you want to break out of a synchronous command and regain control of the PDM command line, press CONTROL C in the PDM window. This will return control to the PDM command line. However, no debugger executing the command will be interrupted.
  - **With –r**, control is returned to the command line immediately, even if a debugger is still executing a command. When you use –r, you *do not* see the results of the commands that the debuggers are executing.

    The –r option is useful when you want to exit from a debugger but not from the PDM. When you send the QUIT command to a debugger or group of debuggers without using the –r command, you will not be able to enter another PDM command until all debuggers that QUIT was sent to stop; the PDM waits for a response from all of the debuggers that are quitting. By using –r, you can gain immediate control of the PDM and continue sending commands to the remaining debuggers.

The SEND command is useful for loading a common object file into a group of debuggers. For example, to load a file called test.out into the debuggers contained in GROUP_A, you could use the following command:

```
send –g GROUP_A load test.out ↵
```

10.3 Running and Halting Code

The PRUN, PRUNF, and PSTEP commands synchronize the debuggers to cause the processors to begin execution at the same real time.

- PRUNF starts the processors running free, which means they are disconnected from the emulator.
- PRUN starts the processors running under the control of the emulator.
- PSTEP causes the processors to single-step synchronously through assembly language code with interrupts disabled.

The formats for these commands are:

prunf [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}]

prun [**–r**] [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}]

pstep [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}] [*count*]

- The **–g** option identifies the group or processor that the command should be sent to. If you do not use this option, the command is sent to the default group (dgroup).
- The **–r** (return) option for the PRUN command determines when control returns to the PDM command line:
  - **Without –r**, control is not returned to the command line until each debugger in the group finishes running code. If you want to break out of a synchronous command and regain control of the PDM command line, press CONTROL C in the PDM window. This will return control to the PDM command line. However, no debugger executing the command will be interrupted.
  - **With –r**, control is returned to the command line immediately, even if a debugger is still executing a command. You can type new commands, but the processors cannot execute the commands until they finish with the current command; however, you can perform PHALT, PESC, and STAT commands when the processors are still executing.
- You can specify a *count* for the PSTEP command so that each processor in the group will step for *count* number of times.

Note:

If the current statement that a processor is pointing to has a breakpoint, that processor will not step synchronously with the other processors when you use the PSTEP command. However, that processor will still single-step.

Halting processors at the same time

You can use the PHALT command after you enter a PRUNF command to stop an individual processor or a group of processors (global halt). Each processor in the group is halted at the same time. The syntax for the PHALT command is:

phalt [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}]

Sending ESCAPE to all processors

Use the PESC command to send the escape key to an individual processor or to a group of processors after you execute a PRUN command. Entering PESC is essentially like typing an escape key in all of the individual debuggers. However, the PESC command is *asynchronous;* the processors do not halt at the same real time. When you halt a group of processors, the individual processors are halted in the order in which they were added to the group.

The syntax for this command is:

pesc [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}]

Finding the execution status of a processor or a group of processors

The STAT command tells you whether a processor is running or halted. If a processor is halted when you execute this command, then the PDM also lists the current PC value for that processor. The syntax for the command is:

stat [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}]

For example, to find the execution status of all of the processors in GROUP_A after you have executed a global PRUN, enter:

```
stat –g GROUP_A ↵
```

After entering this command, you will see something similar to this in the PDM window:

```
[CPU_C] Running
[CPU_D] Halted   PC=201A
[CPU_E] Running
```

10.4 Entering PDM Commands

The PDM provides a flexible command-entry interface that allows you to:

- ❏ Execute PDM commands from a batch file
- ❏ Record the information shown in the PDM display area
- ❏ Conditionally execute or loop through PDM commands
- ❏ Echo strings to the PDM display area
- ❏ Pause command execution
- ❏ Repeat previously entered commands (use the command history)

This section describes the PDM commands that you can use to perform these tasks.

Executing PDM commands from a batch file

The TAKE command tells the PDM to execute commands from a batch file. The syntax for the PDM version of this command is:

take *batch filename*

The *batch filename* **must** have a .pdm extension, or the PDM will not be able to read the file. If you do not supply a pathname as part of the filename, the PDM first looks in the current directory and then searches directories named with the D_DIR environment variable.

The TAKE command is similar to the debugger version of this command (described on page 11-53). However, there are some differences when you enter TAKE as a PDM command instead of a debugger command.

- ❏ **Similarities.** As with the debugger version of the TAKE command, you can nest batch files up to 10 deep.
- ❏ **Differences.** Unlike the debugger version of the TAKE command:
  - There is no suppress-echo-flag parameter. Therefore, all command output is echoed to the PDM window, and this behavior cannot be changed.
  - To halt batch-file execution, you must press CONTROL C instead of ESC .
  - The batch file must contain only PDM commands (no debugger commands).

The TAKE command is advantageous for executing a batch file in which you have defined often-used aliases. Additionally, you can use the SET command in a batch file to set up group configurations that you use frequently, and then execute that file with the TAKE command. You can also put your flow-control commands (described in *Controlling PDM command execution on* page 10-10) in a batch file and execute the file with the TAKE command.

Recording information from the PDM display area

By using the DLOG command, you can record the information shown in the PDM display area into a log file. This command is identical to the debugger DLOG command described on page 11-20.

❏ To begin recording the information shown in the PDM display area, use:

dlog *filename*

This command opens a log file called *filename* that the information is recorded into. If you plan to execute the log file with the TAKE command, the filename *must* have a .pdm extension.

❏ To end the recording session, enter:

dlog close ↵

If necessary, you can write over existing log files or append additional information to existing files. The extended format for the DLOG command is:

dlog *filename* [**,**{**a** | **w**}]

The optional parameters control how the log file is created and/or used:

❏ **Appending to an existing file.** Use the **a** parameter to open an existing file and append the information in the display area.

❏ **Writing over an existing file.** Use the **w** parameter to open an existing file and write over the current contents of the file. This is the default action if you specify an existing filename without using either the **a** or **w** options; you will lose the contents of an existing file if you do not use the append (a) option.

Controlling PDM command execution

You can control the flow of PDM commands in a batch file or interactively. With the IF/ELIF/ELSE/ENDIF or LOOP/BREAK/CONTINUE/ENDLOOP flow-control commands, you can conditionally execute debugger commands or set up a looping situation, respectively.

❏ To conditionally execute PDM commands, use the IF/ELIF/ELSE/ENDIF commands. The syntax is:

if *expression*
PDM commands
[**elif** *expression*
PDM commands]
[**else**
PDM commands]
endif

- If the expression for the IF is nonzero, the PDM executes all commands between the IF and the ELIF, ELSE, or ENDIF.
- The ELIF is optional. If the expression for the ELIF is nonzero, the PDM executes all commands between the ELIF and the ELSE or ENDIF.
- The ELSE is optional. If the expressions for the IF and ELIF (if present) are false (zero), the PDM executes the commands between the ELSE and the ENDIF.

❑ To set up a looping situation to execute PDM commands, use the LOOP/BREAK/CONTINUE/ENDLOOP commands. The syntax is:

loop *Boolean expression*
PDM commands
[**break**]
[**continue**]
endloop

The PDM version of the LOOP command is different from the debugger version of this command (described on page 11-29). Instead of accepting any expression, the PDM version of the LOOP command evaluates only Boolean expressions. If the Boolean expression evaluates to true (1), the PDM executes all commands between the LOOP and the BREAK, CONTINUE, or ENDLOOP. If the Boolean expression evaluates to false (0), the loop is not entered.

- The optional BREAK command allows you to exit the loop without having to reach the ENDLOOP. This is helpful when you are testing a group of processors and want to exit if an error is detected.
- The CONTINUE command, which is also optional, acts as a goto and returns command flow to the enclosing LOOP command. CONTINUE is useful when the part of the loop that follows is complicated, and returning to the top of the loop avoids further nesting.

You can enter the flow-control commands interactively or include the commands in a batch file that is executed by the TAKE command. When you enter LOOP or IF from the PDM command line, a question mark (?) prompts you for the next entry:

```
PDM:11>>if $i > 10 ↵
?echo ERROR IN TEST CASE ↵
?endif ↵
ERROR IN TEST CASE

PDM:12>>
```

The PDM continues to prompt you for input using the ? until you enter ENDIF (for an IF command) or ENDLOOP (for a LOOP command). After you enter ENDIF or ENDLOOP, the PDM immediately executes the IF or LOOP command.

If you are in the middle of interactively entering a LOOP or IF statement and want to abort it, type CONTROL C.

You can use the IF/ENDIF and LOOP/ENDLOOP commands together to perform a series of tests. For example, within a batch file, you can create a loop like the following (the SET and @ commands are described in section 10.8, beginning on page 10-18):

```
set i = 10                                  Set the counter (i) to 10.
loop $i > 0                                 Loop while i is greater than 0.
  .
  test commands
  .
  if $k > 500                               Test for error condition.
    echo ERROR ON TEST CASE 8               Display an error message.
  endif
  .
  @ i = $i – 1                              Decrement the counter.
endloop
```

You can record the results of this loop in a log file (refer to page 10-10) to examine which test cases failed during the testing session.

Echoing strings to the PDM display area

You can display a string in the PDM display area by using the ECHO command. This command is especially useful when you are executing a batch file or running a flow-control command such as IF or LOOP. The syntax for the command is:

echo *string*

This displays the *string* in the PDM display area.

You can also use ECHO to show the contents of a system variable (system variables are described in section 10.8):

```
echo $var_proc1 ↵
34
```

The PDM version of the ECHO command works in exactly the same way as the debugger version described on page 11-21 works, except that you can use the PDM version outside of a batch file.

Pausing command execution

Sometimes you may want the PDM to pause while it is running a batch file or when it is executing a flow control command such as LOOP/ENDLOOP. Pausing is especially helpful in debugging the commands in a batch file.

The syntax for the PAUSE command is:

pause

When the PDM reads this command in a batch file or during a flow control command segment, the PDM stops execution and displays the following message:

```
<< pause – type return >>
```

To continue processing, press ↵.

Using the command history

The PDM supports a command history that is similar to the UNIX command history. The PDM prompt identifies the number of the current command. This number is incremented with every command. For example, PDM:12>> indicates that eleven commands have previously been entered, and the PDM is now ready to accept the twelfth command.

The PDM command history allows you to reenter any of the last twenty commands:

- To repeat the last command that you entered, type:

  !! ↵

- To repeat any of the last twenty commands, use the following command:

  !*number*

  number is the number of the PDM prompt that contains the command that you want to re-enter. For example,

  ```
  PDM:100>>echo hello ↵
  hello
  PDM:101>>echo goodbye ↵
  goodbye
  PDM:102>>!100 ↵
  echo hello
  hello
  ```

  Notice that the PDM displays the command that you are re-entering.

An alternate way to repeat any of the last twenty commands is to use:

!*string*

This command tells the PDM to execute the last command that began with *string.* For example,

```
PDM:103>>pstep -g GROUPA ↵
PDM:104>>send -g GROUPA ?pc ↵
[CPU_C]  0x2000
[CPU_D]  0x2004
PDM:103>>pstep -g GROUPB ↵
PDM:104>>send -g GROUPB ?pc ↵
[CPU_A]  0x201A
[CPU_E]  0x2014
PDM:105>>!p ↵
pstep -g GROUPB
```

❑ To see a list of the last twenty commands that you entered, type:

history ↵

The command history for the PDM works differently from that of the debugger; the TAB and F2 keys have no command-history meaning for the PDM.

10.5 Defining Your Own Command Strings

The ALIAS command provides a shorthand method of entering often-used commands or command sequences. The UNALIAS command deletes one or more ALIAS definitions. The syntax for the PDM version of each of these commands is:

alias [*alias name* [**,** "*command string*"]]
unalias {*alias name* | *}

The PDM versions of the ALIAS and UNALIAS commands are similar to the debugger versions of these commands. You can:

- Include several commands in the command string by separating the individual commands with semicolons
- Define parameters in the command string by using a percent sign and a number (%1, %2, etc.) to represent a parameter whose value will be supplied when you execute the aliased command
- List all currently defined PDM aliases by entering ALIAS with no parameters
- Find the definition of a PDM alias by entering ALIAS with only an alias-name parameter
- Nest alias definitions
- Redefine an alias
- Delete a single PDM alias by supplying the UNALIAS command with an alias name or delete all PDM aliases by entering UNALIAS *

Like debugger aliases, PDM alias definitions are lost when you exit the PDM. However, individual commands within a PDM command string do not have an expanded-length limit.

For more information about these features, see section 3.1, *Defining Your Own Command Strings*.

The PDM version of the ALIAS command is especially useful for aliasing often-used command strings involving the SEND and SET commands.

- You can use the ALIAS command to create PDM versions of debugger commands. For example, the ML debugger command lists the memory ranges that are currently defined. To make a PDM version of the ML command to list the memory ranges of all the debuggers in a particular group, enter:

  ```
  alias ml, "send -g %1 ml" ↵
  ```

You could then list the memory maps of a group of processors such as those in group GROUPA:

```
ml GROUPA ↵
```

- The ALIAS command can be helpful if you frequently change the default group. For example, suppose you plan to switch between two groups. You can set up the following alias:

  ```
  alias switch, "set dgroup $%1; set prompt %1" ↵
  ```

  The %1 parameter will be filled in with the group information that you enter when you execute SWITCH. Notice that the %1 parameter is preceded by a dollar sign ($) to set up the default group. The dollar sign tells the PDM to evaluate (take the list of processor names defined in the group instead of the actual group name). However, to change the prompt, you do not want the PDM to evaluate (use the processors associated with the group name as the prompt)—you just want the group name. As a result, you do not need to use the dollar sign when you want to use only the group name.

  Assume that GROUP3 contains CPU_A, CPU_B, and CPU_D. To make GROUP3 the current default group and make the PDM prompt the same name as your default group, enter:

  ```
  switch GROUP3 ↵
  ```

  This causes the default group (dgroup) to contain CPU_A, CPU_B, and CPU_D, and it changes the PDM prompt to GROUP3:x>>.

10.6 Entering Operating-System Commands

The SYSTEM command provides you with a method of entering operating-system commands. The format for the PDM version of this command is:

system *operating-system command*

The SYSTEM command is similar to the debugger's SYSTEM command (described on page 3-5), but there are some differences.

- **Similarities.** You can enter operating-system commands without having to leave the primary environment (in this case, the PDM) and without having to open another operating-system window.
- **Differences.** Unlike the debugger version of the SYSTEM command:
  - The PDM version of the SYSTEM command cannot be entered without an operating-system command parameter. Therefore, you cannot use the command to open a shell.
  - There is no flag parameter; command output is always displayed in the PDM window.

10.7 Understanding the PDM's Expression Analysis

The PDM analyzes expressions differently than individual debuggers do (expression analysis for the debugger is described in Chapter 12, *Basic Information About C Expressions*). The PDM uses a simple integral expression analyzer. You can use expressions to cause the PDM to make decisions as part of the @ command and the flow control commands (described on pages 10-19 and 10-10, respectively).

You cannot evaluate string variables with the PDM expression analyzer. You can evaluate only constant expressions.

Table 10–1 summarizes the PDM operators. The PDM interprets the operators in the order in which they are listed in Table 10–1 (left to right, top to bottom). In other words, ( ) is first, * is second, / is third, and so forth.

Table 10–1. PDM Operators

Operator	Definition	Operator	Definition
( )	take highest precedence	*	multiplication
/	division	%	modulo
+	addition (binary)	–	subtraction (binary)
< <	left shift	~	complement
<	less than	> >	right shift
>	greater than	< =	less than or equal to
= =	is equal to	> =	greater than or equal to
&	bitwise AND	! =	is not equal to
|	bitwise OR	^	bitwise exclusive-OR
| |	logical OR	&&	logical AND

10.8 Using System Variables

You can use the SET, @, and UNSET commands to create, modify, and delete system variables. In addition, you can use the SET command with system-defined variables.

Creating your own system variables

The SET command lets you create system variables that you can use with PDM commands. The syntax for the SET command is:

set [*variable name* [**=** *string*]]

The *variable name* can consist of up to 128 alphanumeric characters or underscore characters.

For example, suppose you have an array that you want to examine frequently. You can use the SET command to define a system variable that represents that array value:

```
set result = ar1[0] + 100 ↵
```

In this case, result is the variable name, and ar1[0] + 100 is the expression that will be evaluated whenever you use the variable result.

Once you have defined result, you can use it with other PDM commands, such as the SEND command:

```
send CPU_D ? $result ↵
```

The dollar sign ($) tells the PDM to replace result with ar1[0] + 100 (the string defined in result) as the expression parameter for the ? command. You *must* precede the name of a system variable with a $ when you want to use the string value you defined with the variable as a parameter.

You can also use the SET command to concatenate and substitute strings.

❑ **Concatenating strings**

The dollar sign followed by a system variable name enclosed in braces (**{** and **}**) tells the PDM to append the contents of the variable name to a string that precedes or follows the braces. For example:

```
set k = Hel ↵                          Set k to the string Hel.
set i = ${k}lo ${k}en ↵    Concatenate the contents of k before
                                        lo and en, and set the result to i.
echo $i ↵                              Show the contents of i.
Hello Helen
```

❑ **Substituting strings**

You can substitute defined system variables for parts of variable names or strings. This series of commands illustrates the substitution feature:

```
set err0 = 25 ↵                    Set err0 to 25.
set j = 0 ↵                        Set j to 0.
echo $err$j ↵                      Show the value of $err$j → $err0 → 25.
25
```

Substitution stops when the PDM detects recursion (for example, $k = k).

Assigning a variable to the result of an expression

The @ (substitute) command is similar to the SET command. You can use the @ command to assign the result of an expression to a variable. The syntax for the @ command is:

@ *variable name* **=** *expression*

The following series of commands illustrates the differences between the @ command and the SET command. Assume that mask1 equals 36 and mask2 equals 47.

```
set mask3 = $mask1+$mask2 ↵        Set mask3 to the contents of mask1
                                   plus the contents of mask2.
echo $mask3 ↵                      Show the contents of mask3.
36+47
@ mask3 = $mask1+$mask2 ↵          Set mask3 to the result of the
                                   expression $mask1+$mask2.
echo $mask3 ↵                      Show the contents of mask3.
83
```

Notice the difference between the two commands. The SET command lets you create system variables that you can use with PDM commands. The @ command evaluates the expression and assigns the result to the variable name.

The @ command is useful in setting loop counters. For example, you can initialize a counter with the following command:

```
@ j = 0 ↵
```

Inside the loop, you can increment the counter with the following statement:

```
@ j = $j + 1 ↵
```

Changing the PDM prompt

The PDM recognizes a system variable called prompt. You can change the PDM prompt by setting the prompt variable to a string. For example, to change the PDM prompt to 3PROCs, enter:

```
set prompt = 3PROCs ↵
```

After entering this command, the PDM prompt will look like this: 3PROCs:x>>.

Checking the execution status of the processors

In addition to displaying the execution status of a processor or group of processors, the STAT command (described on page 10-8) sets a system variable called status.

- If *all* of the processors in the specified group are running, the status variable is set to 1.
- If one or more of the processors in the group is halted, the status variable is set to 0.

You can use this variable when you want an instruction loop to execute until a processor halts:

```
loop stat == 1
send ?pc
.
.
```

Listing system variables

To list all system variables, use the SET command without parameters:

`set` ⏎

You can also list the contents of a single variable. For example,

```
set j ⏎
j  "100"
```

Deleting system variables

To delete a system variable, use the UNSET command. The format for this command is:

unset *variable name*

If you want to delete all of the variables you have created and any groups you have defined (as described on page 10-4), use the UNSET command with an asterisk instead of a variable name:

`unset *` ⏎

Note:

When you use UNSET * to delete all of your system variables and processor groups, variables such as prompt, status, and dgroup are also deleted.

10.9 Evaluating Expressions

The debugger includes an EVAL command that evaluates an expression (see section 7.2, *Basic Commands for Managing Data,* for more information about the debugger version of the EVAL command). The PDM has a similar command called EVAL that you can send to a processor or a group of processors. The EVAL command evaluates an expression in a debugger and sets a variable to the result of the expression. The syntax for the PDM version of the EVAL command is:

eval [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}] *variable name***=***expression*[**,** *format*]

- The **–g** option specifies the group or processor that EVAL should be sent to. If you do not use this option, the command is sent to the default group (dgroup).
- When you send the EVAL command to more than one processor, the PDM takes the *variable name* that you supply and appends a suffix for each processor. The suffix consists of the underscore character (_) followed by the name that you assigned the processor. That way, you can differentiate between the resulting variables.
- The *expression* can be any expression that uses the symbols described in section 10.7.
- When you use the optional *format* parameter, the value that the variable is set to will be in one of the following formats:

Parameter	Format	Parameter	Format
*****	Default for the data type	**o**	Octal
c	ASCII character (bytes)	**p**	Valid address
d	Decimal	**s**	ASCII string
e	Exponential floating point	**u**	Unsigned decimal
f	Decimal floating point	**x**	Hexadecimal

Suppose the program that CPU_A is running has two variables defined: j is equal to 5, and k is equal to 17. Also assume that the program that CPU_B is running contains variables j and k: j is equal to 12, and k is equal to 22.

```
set dgroup = CPU_A CPU_B ↵
eval val = j + k ↵
set ↵
dgroup     ″CPU_A CPU_B″
val_CPU_A  ″22″
val_CPU_B  ″34″
```

Notice that the PDM created a system variable for each processor: val_CPU_A for CPU_A and val_CPU_B for CPU_B.

Chapter 11

Summary of Commands

This chapter describes the basic debugger and PDM commands and profiling commands.

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11.1 Functional Summary of Debugger Commands

This section summarizes the debugger commands according to these categories:

- **Managing multiple debuggers.** These commands allow you to group debuggers, run code on multiple processors, and send commands to a group of debuggers.
- **Changing modes.** These commands (listed on page 11-4) allow you to switch freely between the debugging modes (auto, mixed, and assembly).
- **Managing windows.** These commands (listed on page 11-4) allow you to make a window active and move or resize the active window.
- **Displaying and changing data.** These commands (listed on page 11-5) allow you to display and evaluate a variety of data items.
- **Performing system tasks.** These commands (listed on page 11-6) allow you to perform several system functions and provide you with some control over the target system.
- **Managing breakpoints.** These commands (listed on page 11-7) provide you with a command line method for controlling software breakpoints.
- **Displaying files and loading programs.** These commands (listed on page 11-4) allow you to change the displays in the File and Disassembly windows and to load object files into memory.
- **Customizing the screen.** These commands (listed on page 11-4) allow you to customize the debugger display, then save and later reuse the customized displays.
- **Memory mapping.** These commands (listed on page 11-7) allow you to define the areas of target memory that the debugger can access.
- **Running programs.** These commands (listed on page 11-8) provide you with a variety of methods for running your programs in the debugger environment.
- **Profiling commands.** These commands (listed on page 11-9) allow you to collect execution statistics for your code.

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All of the profiling commands can be entered from the Tools→Profile menu and associated dialog boxes. In many cases, using the Tools→Profile menu and dialog boxes is the easiest way to enter some of these commands. For this reason and also because there are over 100 profiling commands, most of these commands are not described individually in this chapter (as the basic debugger commands are).

Listed below are some of the profiling commands that you might choose to enter from the command line; these commands are also described in the alphabetical command summary. The remaining profiling commands are summarized in section 11.3, *Summary of Profiling Commands*, on page 11-60.

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11.2 Alphabetical Summary of Debugger and PDM Commands

There are three types of debugger commands:

- ❏ Basic debugger commands
- ❏ Parallel Debug Manager (PDM) commands that allow you to control multiple debuggers
- ❏ Profiler commands that allow you to control the debugger profiling environment

Most of the commands can be used in the basic debugger environment and/or the profiling environment. Other commands can be used only by the parallel debug manager (PDM). Some commands can be used in more than one environment; other commands can be used in only one of the environments. Each command description identifies the applicable environments for the command.

Commands are not case sensitive; to emphasize this, command names are shown in both uppercase and lowercase throughout this book.

? — *Evaluate Expression*

Syntax **?** *expression* [*, display format*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The ? (evaluate expression) command evaluates an expression and shows the result in the display area of the Command window. The *expression* can be any C expression, including an expression with side effects; however, you cannot use a string constant or function call in the *expression.* If the *expression* identifies an address, you can follow it with @prog to identify program memory or @data to identify data memory. Without the suffix, the debugger treats an address expression as a program-memory location.

If the result of *expression* is not an array or structure, then the debugger displays the results in the Command window. If *expression* is a structure or array, ? displays the entire contents of the structure or array; you can halt long listings by pressing ESC.

When you use the optional *display format* parameter, data is displayed in one of the following formats:

Parameter	Result is displayed in...	Parameter	Result is displayed in...
*****	Default for the data type	**o**	Octal
c	ASCII character (bytes)	**p**	Valid address
d	Decimal	**s**	ASCII string
e	Exponential floating point	**u**	Unsigned decimal
f	Decimal floating point	**x**	Hexadecimal

! — *Use the PDM Command History*

Syntax

!{*prompt number* | *string*}
!!

Menu selection

none

Toolbar selection

none

Environments

☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description

The PDM supports a command history that is similar to the UNIX command history. The PDM prompt identifies the number of the current command. This number is incremented with every command. The PDM command history allows you to reenter any of the last twenty commands.

- The *number* parameter is the number of the PDM prompt that contains the command that you want to reenter.
- The *string* parameter tells the PDM to execute the last command that began with *string.*
- The !! command tells the PDM to execute the last command that you entered.

@ — *Substitute Result of an Expression*

Syntax @ *variable name* **=** *expression*

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description Unlike the SET command, the @ command first evaluates the *expression*, and then sets the *variable name* to the result. The *expression* can be any expression that uses the symbols described in section 10.7, *Understanding the PDM's Expression Analysis*, on page 10-17. The *variable name* can consist of up to 128 alphanumeric characters or underscore characters.

addr — *Display Code at Specified Address*

Syntax **addr** {*address* | *function name*}

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description Use the ADDR command to display C code or the disassembly at a specific point. ADDR's behavior changes depending on the current debugging mode:

- In assembly mode, ADDR works like the DASM command, positioning the code starting at *address* or at *function name* as the first line of code in the Disassembly window.
- In a C display, ADDR works like the FUNC command, displaying the code starting at *address* or at *function name* as the first line of code in the File window.
- In mixed mode, ADDR affects both the Disassembly and File windows by displaying code starting at *address* or at *function name* as the first line of code in the Disassembly and File window.

Note:

ADDR affects the File window only if the specified *address* is in a C function.

alias — *Define Custom Command String*

Syntax **alias** [*alias name* [**, "***command string***"**]]

Menu selection Configure→Alias Commands

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☑ profiling

Description You can use the ALIAS command to associate one or more debugger or PDM commands with a single *alias name.*

- ❏ The debugger version of the ALIAS command allows you to associate one or more debugger commands with a single *alias name.*
- ❏ The PDM version of the ALIAS command allows you to associate one or more PDM commands with a single alias name *or* associate one or more debugger commands with a single alias name.

You can include as many commands in the *command string* as you like, as long you separate them with semicolons and enclose the entire string of commands in quotation marks. Also, you can identify command parameters by a percent sign followed by a number (%1, %2, etc.). The total number of characters for an individual command (expanded to include parameter values) is limited to 132. (This restriction applies to the debugger version of the ALIAS command only.)

Previously defined alias names can be included as part of the definition for a new alias.

You can find the current definition of an alias by entering the ALIAS command with the *alias name* only. To see a list of all defined aliases, enter the ALIAS command with no parameters.

asm — *Enter Assembly Mode*

Syntax **asm**

Menu selection View→Assembly

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The ASM command changes from the current debugging mode to assembly mode. If you are already in assembly mode, the ASM command has no effect.

ba — *Add Software Breakpoint*

Syntax **ba** *address*

Menu selection Configure→Breakpoints

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The BA command sets a software breakpoint at a specific *address*. The *address* can be an absolute address, any C expression, the name of a C function, or the name of an assembly language label.

You can set breakpoints in program memory (RAM) only; the *address* parameter is treated as a program-memory address.

bd — *Delete Software Breakpoint*

Syntax **bd** *address*

Menu selection Configure→Breakpoints

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The BD command clears a software breakpoint at a specific *address*. The *address* can be an absolute address, any C expression, the name of a C function, or the name of an assembly language label. The *address* is treated as a program-memory address.

bl — *List Software Breakpoints*

Syntax **bl**

Menu selection Configure→Breakpoints

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The BL command lists all the software breakpoints that are currently set in your program. It displays a table of breakpoints in the display area of the Command window. BL lists all the breakpoints that are set in the order in which you set them.

br — *Reset Software Breakpoint*

Syntax **br**

Menu selection Configure→Breakpoints

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The BR command clears all software breakpoints that are set.

c — *Enter Auto Mode*

Syntax **c**

Menu selection View→C (Auto)

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The C command changes from the current debugging mode to auto mode. If you are already in auto mode, the C command has no effect.

calls — *Opens Calls Window*

Syntax **calls**

Menu selection View→Call Stack Window

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The CALLS command displays the Calls window. The debugger displays this window automatically when you are in auto/C or mixed mode. However, you can close the Calls window; the CALLS command opens the window again.

cd, chdir — *Change Directory*

Syntax

cd [*directory name*]
chdir [*directory name*]

Menu selection

none

Toolbar selection

none

Environments

☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description

The CD or CHDIR command changes the current working directory from within the debugger. You can use relative pathnames as part of the *directory name*. If you do not use a *directory name*, the CD command displays the name of the current directory. You can also use the CD command to change the current drive. For example,

```
cd c:
cd d:\csource
cd c:\asmsrc
```

cls — *Clear Screen*

Syntax

cls

Menu selection

none

Toolbar selection

none

Environments

☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description

The CLS command clears all displayed information from the display area of the Command window.

cnext — *Single-Step C, Next Statement*

Syntax **cnext** [*expression*]

Menu selection Debug→Next C

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The CNEXT command is similar to the CSTEP command. It runs a program one C statement at a time, updating the display after executing each statement. If you are using CNEXT to step through assembly language code, the debugger does not update the display until it has executed all assembly language statements associated with a single C statement. Unlike CSTEP, CNEXT steps over function calls rather than stepping into them—you do not see the single-step execution of the function call.

The *expression* parameter specifies the number of statements that you want to single-step. You can use a conditional *expression* for conditional single-step execution. (Section 6.4, *Running Code Conditionally*, page 6-11, discusses this in detail.)

cstep — *Single-Step C*

Syntax **cstep** [*expression*]

Menu selection Debug→Step C

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The CSTEP command single-steps through a program one C statement at a time, updating the display after executing each statement. If you are using CSTEP to step through assembly language code, the debugger does not update the display until it has executed all assembly language statements associated with a single C statement.

The *expression* parameter specifies the number of statements that you want to single-step. You can use a conditional *expression* for conditional single-step execution. (Section 6.4, *Running Code Conditionally*, page 6-11, discusses this in detail.)

dasm — *Display Disassembly at Specific Address*

Syntax **dasm** {*address*[**@prog** | **@data**] | *function name*}

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The DASM command displays code beginning at a specific point within the Disassembly window. You can follow the *address* with @prog to identify program memory or @data to identify data memory. Without the suffix, the debugger treats an address as a program-memory location.

dir — *List Directory Contents*

Syntax **dir** [*directory name*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Description The DIR command displays a directory listing in the display area of the Command window. If you use the optional *directory name* parameter, the debugger displays a list of the specified directory's contents. If you do not use the parameter, the debugger lists the contents of the current directory.

disp

Add Structure, Array, or Pointer to Watch Window

Syntax **disp** *expression* [**,** *display format*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The DISP command opens a Watch window to display the contents of one of the following:

- An array
- A structure
- Pointer expressions to a scalar type (of the form **pointer*)

If the *expression* is not one of these types, then DISP acts like a ? command.

When the Watch window is open, you can display the data pointed to by a pointer or display the members of the array or structure by clicking the box icon next to watched item:

When you use the optional *display format* parameter, data is displayed in one of the following formats:

Parameter	Result is displayed in...	Parameter	Result is displayed in...
*****	Default for the data type	**o**	Octal
c	ASCII character (bytes)	**p**	Valid address
d	Decimal	**s**	ASCII string
e	Exponential floating point	**u**	Unsigned decimal
f	Decimal floating point	**x**	Hexadecimal

You can use the *display format* parameter only when you are displaying a scalar type, an array of scalar type, or an individual member of an aggregate type.

You can also use the DISP command with a typecast expression to display memory contents in any format. Here are some examples:

```
disp *0
disp *(float *)123
disp *(char *)0x111
```

This shows memory in the Watch window as an array of locations; the location that you specify with the *expression* parameter is member [0], and all other locations are offset from that location.

dlog — *Record Display Area*

Syntax

dlog *filename* [**,**{**a** | **w**}]
or
dlog close

Menu selection

File→Open→Log File
or
File→Close→Log File

Toolbar selection

none

Environments

☑ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☑ profiling

Description

The DLOG command allows you to record the information displayed in the Command window or in the PDM display area into a log file and to record all commands that you enter from the command line, from the toolbar, from the menus, or with function keys.

To begin a recording session in the display area of the PDM, use:

dlog *filename*

To end the recording session, enter:

dlog close ↵

You can write over existing log files or append additional information to existing files. The optional parameters of the DLOG command control how existing log files are used:

- **Appending to an existing file.** Use the **a** parameter to open an existing file and append the information in the display area to the information already in the file.
- **Writing over an existing file.** Use the **w** parameter to open an existing file and write over the current contents of the file. This is the default action if you specify an existing filename without using either the **a** or **w** options; you will lose the contents of an existing file if you do not use the append (a) option.

echo — *Echo String to Display Area* — Batch File Only

Syntax **echo** *string*

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The ECHO command displays *string* in the display area of the Command window or in the display area of the PDM. You cannot use quote marks around the *string*, and any leading blanks in your command string are removed when the ECHO command is executed.

- ❏ You can execute the debugger version of the ECHO command only in a batch file.
- ❏ You can execute the PDM version of the ECHO command in a batch file or from the command line.

elif — *Test for Alternate Condition* — Batch File Only

Description ELIF provides an alternative test by which you can execute PDM commands in the IF/ELIF/ELSE/ENDIF command sequence. See page 11-26 for more information about these commands.

else — *Execute Alternative Commands* — Batch File Only

Description ELSE provides an alternative list of debugger or PDM commands in the IF/ELSE/ENDIF or IF/ELIF/ELSE/ENDIF command sequences, respectively. See pages 11-26 and 11-27 for more information about these commands.

endif — *Terminate Conditional Sequence* — Batch File Only

Description ENDIF identifies the end of a conditional-execution command sequence begun with an IF command. See pages 11-26 and 11-27 for more information about these commands.

endloop — *Terminate Looping Sequence* — Batch File Only

Description ENDLOOP identifies the end of the LOOP/ENDLOOP command sequence. See pages 11-28 and 11-29 for more information about the LOOP/ENDLOOP commands.

eval — *Evaluate Expression*

Syntax

eval *expression*
e *expression*

Menu selection

none

Toolbar selection

none

Environments

☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description

The EVAL command evaluates an expression like the ? command does *but does not show the result* in the display area of the Command window. EVAL is useful for assigning values to registers or memory locations in a batch file (where it is not necessary to display the result).

eval — *Evaluate Expression and Set to Variable* — PDM Environment

Syntax

eval [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}] *variable name***=***expression*[**,** *format*]

Menu selection

none

Toolbar selection

none

Environments

☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description

The EVAL command evaluates an expression in a debugger and sets a variable to the result of the expression.

- The **–g** option specifies the group or processor that EVAL should be sent to. If you do not use this option, the command is sent to the default group (dgroup).
- When you send the EVAL command to more than one processor, the PDM takes the *variable name* that you supply and appends a suffix for each processor. The suffix consists of the underscore character (_) followed by the name that you assigned the processor.
- The *expression* can be any expression that uses the symbols described in section 10.7, *Understanding the PDM's Expression Analysis*, on page 10-17.

❑ When you use the optional *format* parameter, the value that the variable is set to will be in one of the following formats:

Parameter	Result	Parameter	Result
*	Default for the data type	o	Octal
c	ASCII character (bytes)	p	Valid address
d	Decimal	s	ASCII string
e	Exponential floating point	u	Unsigned decimal
f	Decimal floating point	x	Hexadecimal

file — *Display Text File*

Syntax **file** *filename*

Menu selection File→Open

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The FILE command displays the contents of any text file in the File window. This command is intended primarily for displaying C source code. You can view as multiple text files at the same time using multiple File windows.

fill — *Fill Memory Word by Word*

Syntax **fill** *address*, *page*, *length*, *data*

Menu selection Configure→Memory Fill

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The FILL command fills a block of memory word by word with a specified value.

❑ The *address* parameter identifies the first address in the block.

- ❏ The *page* parameter is a 1-digit number that identifies the type of memory (program, data or I/O) that a range occupies:

To identify this page . . .	Use this value as the *page* parameter . . .
Program memory	0
Data memory	1
I/O space	2

- ❏ The *length* parameter defines the number of words to fill.
- ❏ The *data* parameter is the value that is placed in each word in the block.

fillb — *Fill Memory Byte by Byte*

Syntax **fillb** *address*, *length*, *data*

Menu selection Configure→Memory Fill

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The FILLB command fills a block of memory byte by byte with a specified value.

- ❏ The *address* parameter identifies the first address in the block.
- ❏ The *length* parameter defines the number of bytes to fill.
- ❏ The *data* parameter is the value that is placed in each byte in the block.

func — *Display Function*

Syntax **func** {*function name* | *address*}

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The FUNC command displays a specified C function in the File window. You can identify the function by its name or by an address in the function; an *address* parameter is treated as a program-memory address. FUNC works the same way FILE works, but with FUNC you do not need to identify the name of the file that contains the function.

go — *Run to Specified Address*

Syntax **go** [*address*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The GO command executes code up to a specific point in your program. The *address* parameter is treated as a program-memory address. If you do not supply an *address*, then GO acts like a RUN command without an *expression* parameter.

halt — *Halt Target System*

Syntax **halt**

Menu selection Debug→Halt!

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The HALT command halts your program, if you are using a simulator, or halts the target system after you have entered a RUNF command, if you are using an emulator. When you invoke the debugger, it automatically executes a HALT command. If you enter a RUNF, quit the debugger, and later reinvoke the debugger, you will effectively reconnect the emulator to the target system and run the debugger in its normal mode of operation.

help — *Display Help Topic for Debugger Command*

Syntax **help** [*debugger command*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The HELP command opens a help topic that describes the *debugger command*. If you omit the *debugger command*, the debugger displays a list of help topics.

help — *List PDM Commands* — PDM Environment

Syntax **help** [*command*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The HELP command provides a brief description of the requested PDM command. If you omit the *command* parameter, the PDM lists all of the available PDM commands.

history — *List the Last 20 PDM Commands*

Syntax **history**

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The HISTORY command displays the last 20 PDM commands that you have entered.

if/elif/else/endif — *Conditionally Execute PDM Commands* — PDM Environment

Syntax

if *expression*
PDM commands
[**elif** *expression*
PDM commands]
[**else**
PDM commands]
endif

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description These commands allow you to execute PDM commands conditionally in a batch file or from the command line.

- If the expression for the IF is nonzero, the PDM executes all commands between the IF and ELIF, ELSE, or ENDIF.
- The ELIF is optional. If the expression for the ELIF is nonzero, the PDM executes all commands between the ELIF and ELSE or ENDIF.
- The ELSE is optional. If the expressions for the IF and ELIF (if present) are false (zero), the PDM executes the commands between the ELSE and ENDIF.

The IF/ELIF/ELSE/ENDIF can be entered interactively or included in a batch file that is executed by the TAKE command. When you enter IF from the PDM command line, a question mark (?) prompts you for the next entry. The PDM continues to prompt you for input using the ? until you enter ENDIF. After you enter ENDIF, the PDM immediately executes the IF command.

If you are in the middle of interactively entering an IF statement and want to abort it, type CONTROL C.

if/else/endif — *Conditionally Execute Debugger Commands* — **Batch File Only**

Syntax

if *expression*
debugger commands
[**else**
debugger commands]
endif

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description

These commands allow you to execute debugger commands conditionally in a batch file. If the *expression* if nonzero, the debugger executes the commands between the IF and the ELSE or ENDIF. The ELSE portion of the command sequence is optional.

You can substitute a keyword for the expression. Keywords evaluate to true (1) or false (0). You can use the following keywords with the IF command:

- **$$EMU$$** (tests for the emulator version of the debugger)
- **$$SIM$$** (tests for the simulator version of the debugger)

The conditional commands work with the following provisions:

- You can use conditional commands only in a batch file.
- You must enter each debugger command on a separate line in the file.
- You cannot nest conditional commands within the same batch file.

line

Display the Specified Line Number in the FILE Window

Syntax **line** *line number*

Menu selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description Use the LINE command to view specific lines of code. The LINE command displays the specified *line number* in the middle of the FILE window. When the *line number* is already displayed in the FILE window, the LINE command does not affect the display.

load

Load Executable Object File

Syntax **load** *object filename*

Menu selection File→Load→Load Program

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The LOAD command loads both an object file and its associated symbol table into memory. In effect, the LOAD command performs both a RELOAD and an SLOAD. If you do not supply an extension, the debugger looks for *filename*.out. The LOAD command clears the old symbol table and closes any Watch windows.

loop/break/ continue/endloop

Loop Through PDM Commands **PDM Environment**

Syntax

loop *Boolean expression*
*PDM command*s
[**break**]
[**continue**]
endloop

Menu selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The LOOP/BREAK/CONTINUE/ENDLOOP commands allow you to set up a looping situation in a batch file or from the command line. Unlike the debugger version of the LOOP/ENDLOOP commands, the PDM version of the LOOP command evaluates only Boolean expressions:

- If the Boolean expression evaluates to true (1), the PDM executes all commands between the LOOP and BREAK, CONTINUE, or ENDLOOP.
- If the Boolean expression evaluates to false (0), the loop is not entered.

The optional BREAK command allows you to exit the loop without having to reach the ENDLOOP. This is helpful when you are testing a group of processors and want to exit if an error is detected.

The CONTINUE command, which is also optional, acts as a goto and returns command flow to the enclosing LOOP command. CONTINUE is useful when the part of the loop that follows is complicated; returning to the top of the loop avoids further nesting.

The LOOP/BREAK/CONTINUE/ENDLOOP commands can be entered interactively or included in a batch file that is executed by the TAKE command. When you enter LOOP from the PDM command line, a question mark (?) prompts you for the next entry. The PDM continues to prompt you for input using the ? until you enter ENDLOOP. After you enter ENDLOOP, the PDM immediately executes the LOOP command.

If you are in the middle of interactively entering an LOOP statement and want to abort it, type CONTROL C.

loop/endloop — *Loop Through Debugger Commands* — **Batch File Only**

Syntax

loop *expression*
debugger commands
endloop

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description

The LOOP/ENDLOOP commands allow you to set up a looping situation in a batch file. These looping commands evaluate in the same method as in the run conditional command expression:

- If you use an *expression* that is not Boolean, the debugger evaluates the expression as a loop count.
- If you use a Boolean *expression*, the debugger executes the command repeatedly as long as the expression is true.

The LOOP/ENDLOOP commands work under the following conditions:

- ❏ You can use LOOP/ENDLOOP commands only in a batch file.
- ❏ You must enter each debugger command on a separate line in the file.
- ❏ You cannot nest LOOP/ENDLOOP commands within the same file.

ma — *Add Block to Memory Map*

Menu selection Configure→Memory Maps

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The MA command identifies valid ranges of target memory. A new memory range must not overlap an existing entry; if you define a range that overlaps an existing range, the debugger ignores the new range.

- ❏ The *address* parameter defines the starting address of a range in data or program memory. This parameter can be an absolute address, any C expression, the name of a C function, or an assembly language label.
- ❏ The *page* parameter is a 1-digit number that identifies the type of memory (program, data or I/O) that a range occupies:

To identify this page . . .	Use this value as the *page* parameter . . .
Program memory	0
Data memory	1
I/O space	2

map — *Enable/Disable Memory Mapping*

Syntax **map** {**on** | **off**}

Menu selection Configure→Memory Maps

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The MAP command enables or disables memory mapping. Disabling memory mapping can cause bus fault problems in the target because the debugger may attempt to access nonexistent memory.

When you disable memory mapping with the emulator, only memory linked to the .text section is downloaded over the program bus.

md — *Delete Block From Memory Map*

Syntax **md** *address*, *page*

Menu selection Configure→Memory Maps

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The MD command deletes a range of memory from the debugger's memory map.

- The *address* parameter identifies the starting address of the range of program, data, or I/O memory. If you supply an *address* that is not the starting address of a range, the debugger displays this error message in the display area of the Command window:

  ```
  Specified map not found
  ```

- The *page* parameter is a 1-digit number that identifies the type of memory (program, data or I/O) that a range occupies:

To identify this page . . .	Use this value as the *page* parameter . . .
Program memory	0
Data memory	1
I/O space	2

mem — *Modify Memory Window Display*

Syntax **mem** *expression* [, [*display format*] [, *window name*]]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The MEM command identifies a new starting address for the block of memory displayed in the Memory window. The optional *window name* parameter opens an additional Memory window, allowing you to view a separate block of memory. The debugger displays the contents of memory at *expression* in the first data position in the Memory window. The end of the range is defined by the size of the window. The *expression* can be an absolute address, a symbolic address, or any C expression.

When you use the optional *display format* parameter, memory is displayed in one of the following formats:

Parameter	Result is displayed in...	Parameter	Result is displayed in...
*	Default for the data type	o	Octal
c	ASCII character (bytes)	p	Valid address
d	Decimal	u	Unsigned decimal
e	Exponential floating point	x	Hexadecimal
f	Decimal floating point		

mix — *Enter Mixed Mode*

Syntax **mix**

Menu selection View→Mixed

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The MIX command changes from the current debugging mode to mixed mode. If you are already in mixed mode, the MIX command has no effect.

ml — *List Memory Map*

Syntax **ml**

Menu selection Configure→Memory Maps

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The ML command lists the memory ranges that are defined for the debugger's memory map. The ML command lists the starting address, ending address, and read/write characteristics of each defined memory range.

move — *Move a Window*

Syntax **move** *window name* [**,** [*X position*] [**,** [*Y position*] [**,** [*width*] [**,** *length*]]]]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The MOVE command moves the upper left corner of the window to the specified XY position, repositioning the rest of the window relative to that corner. If you choose, you can resize the window while you move it (see the SIZE command for valid *width* and *length* values). Specify the *X position, Y position, width,* and *length* parameters in pixels. If you omit these parameters, the MOVE command defaults to the window's current position and size.

You can spell out the entire *window name*, but you need to specify only enough letters to identify the window.

mr — *Reset Memory Map*

Syntax **mr**

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The MR command resets the debugger's memory map by deleting all defined memory ranges from the map.

ms — *Save Memory Block to File*

Syntax **ms** *address***,** *page***,** *length***,** *filename*

Menu selection File→Save→Memory

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The MS command saves the values in a block of memory to a system file; files are saved in COFF format.

- The *address* parameter identifies the first address in the block.

- ❏ The *length* parameter defines the length, in words, of the block. This parameter can be any C expression.
- ❏ The *filename* is a system file. If you do not supply an extension, the debugger adds a .obj extension.

next — *Single-Step, Next Statement*

Syntax **next** [*expression*]

Menu selection Debug→Next

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The NEXT command is similar to the STEP command. If you are in C code, the debugger executes one C statement at a time. In assembly or mixed mode, the debugger executes one assembly language statement at a time. Unlike STEP, NEXT never updates the display when executing called functions; NEXT always steps to the next consecutive statement. Unlike STEP, NEXT steps over function calls rather than stepping into them—you do not see the single-step execution of the function call.

The optional *expression* parameter specifies the number of statements that you want to single-step. You can use a conditional *expression* for conditional single-step execution. (Section 6.4, *Running Code Conditionally*, page 6-11, discusses this in detail.)

patch — *Patch Assemble*

Syntax **patch** *address, assembly language instruction*

Menu selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The PATCH command allows you to patch-assemble disassembly statements. The *address* parameter identifies the address of the statement you want to change. The *assembly language instruction* parameter is the new statement you want to use at *address*.

pause — *Pause Execution* — **Batch File Only**

Syntax **pause**

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The PAUSE command allows you to pause the debugger or PDM while running a batch file or executing a flow control command. Pausing is especially helpful in debugging the commands in a batch file.

When the debugger or PDM reads this command in a batch file or during a flow control command segment, the debugger/PDM stops execution and displays a dialog box. To continue processing, click OK or press ↵.

pesc — *Send ESC Key to Debuggers*

Syntax **pesc** [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The PESC command sends the ESC key to an individual debugger or to a group of debuggers. PESC halts program execution, but all processors in a group do not halt at the same real time; individual processors halt in the order they were added to the group.

The –g option identifies the group or processor that the command should be sent to. If you do not use this option, the ESC key is sent to the default group (dgroup).

pf — *Profile, Full*

Syntax **pf** *starting point* [**,** *update rate*]

Menu selection Tools→Profile→Profile Mode
Debug→Run

Toolbar selection

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The PF command initiates a RUN and collects a full set of statistics on the defined areas between the *starting point* and the first stopping point encoun-

tered. The *starting point* parameter can be a label, a function name, or a memory address.

The optional *update rate* parameter determines how often the Profile window is updated. The *update rate* parameter can have one of these values:

Value	Description
0	This is the default. Statistics are not updated until the session is halted (although you can force an update by clicking the mouse in the window).
≥ 1	Statistics are updated during the session. A value of **1** means that data is updated as often as possible.

phalt — *Halt Processors in Parallel*

Syntax **phalt** [{**–g** *group* | *processor name*}]

Menu selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The PHALT command halts one or more processors. If you send a PRUN or PRUNF command to a group or to an individual processor, you can use PHALT to halt the group or the individual processor. Each processor in a group is halted at the same real time. If you do not use the **–g** option to specify a group or a processor name, the PHALT command is sent to the default group (dgroup).

pq — *Profile, Quick*

Syntax **pq** *starting point* [**,** *update rate*]

Menu selection Tools→Profile→Profile Mode
Debug→Run

Toolbar selection

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The PQ command initiates a RUN command and collects a subset of the available statistics on the defined areas between the *starting point* and the first stopping point encountered. PQ is similar to PF, except that PQ does not collect exclusive or exclusive max data.

The *update rate* parameter is the same as for the PF command.

pr — *Resume Profiling Session*

Syntax **pr** [*clear data* [**,** *update rate*]]

Menu selection Tools→Profile→Profile Mode
Debug→Run

Toolbar selection

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The PR command resumes the last profiling session (initiated by PF or PQ), starting from the current program counter.

The optional *clear data* parameter tells the debugger whether or not it should clear out the previously collected data. The *clear data* parameter can have one of these values:

Value	Description
0	This is the default. The profiler continues to collect data (adding the data to the existing data for the profiled areas) and to use the previous internal profile stacks.
nonzero	All previously collected profile data and internal profile stacks are cleared.

The *update rate* parameter is the same as for the PF and PQ commands.

profile — *Switch to Profiling Environment*

Syntax **profile**

Menu selection Tools→Profile→Profile Mode

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The PROFILE command toggles between the basic debugger and profiling environments. If you enter PROFILE from the basic debugger environment, the debugger switches to the profiling environment. If you enter PROFILE from the profiling environment, the debugger switches to the basic debugger environment.

prompt — *Change Command-Line Prompt*

Syntax **prompt** *new prompt*

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The PROMPT command changes the command-line prompt. The *new prompt* can be any string of characters (a semicolon or comma ends the string). The *new prompt* cannot be longer than 132 characters.

prun — *Run Code in Parallel*

Syntax **prun** [**–r**] [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The PRUN command is the basic command for running an entire program. You enter the command from the PDM command line to begin execution at the same real time for an individual processor or a group of processors. The **–g** option identifies the group or processor that the command should be sent to. If you do not use this option, then code runs on the default group (dgroup). You can use the PHALT command to stop a global run.

The **–r** (return) option for the PRUN command determines when control returns to the PDM command line:

- **Without –r**, control is not returned to the command line until each debugger in the group finishes running code. If you want to to break out of a synchronous command and regain control of the PDM command line, press CONTROL C in the PDM window. This returns control to the PDM command line. However, no debugger executing the command is interrupted.
- **With –r**, control is returned to the command line immediately, even if a debugger is still executing a command. You can type new commands, but the processors cannot execute the commands until they finish with the current command; however, you can perform PHALT, PESC, and STAT commands when the processors are still executing.

prunf — *Run Free in Parallel*

Syntax **prunf** [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The PRUNF command starts the processors running free, which means they are disconnected from the emulator. RUNF synchronizes the debuggers to cause the processors to begin execution at the same real time. The **–g** option identifies the group or processor that the command should be sent to. If you do not use this option, then code runs on the default group (dgroup).

The PHALT command stops a PRUNF; note that the debugger automatically executes a PHALT when the debugger is invoked.

pstep — *Single-Step in Parallel*

Syntax **pstep** [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}] [*count*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The PSTEP command single-steps synchronously through assembly language code with interrupts disabled. RUNF synchronizes the debuggers to cause the processors to begin execution at the same real time. The **–g** option identifies the group or processor that the command should be sent to. If you do not use this option, then code runs on the default group (dgroup). You can use the PHALT command to stop a global run.

You can use the *count* parameter to specify the number of statements that you want to single-step.

Note:

If the current statement that a processor is pointing to has a breakpoint, that processor will not step synchronously with the other processors when you use the PSTEP command. However, that processor will still single-step.

quit — *Exit Debugger*

Syntax **quit**

Menu selection File→Exit

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The QUIT command exits the debugger and returns to the operating system. If you enter this command from the PDM, the PDM and all debuggers running under the PDM are exited.

reconnect — *Reset Communication With Emulator* — **Emulator Only**

Syntax **reconnect**

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The RECONNECT command reinitializes communication between the debugger and the emulator. This command can be used after an unrecoverable fatal error.

Any software breakpoints set before a reconnect may still reside in memory after the reconnect. However, the debugger does not recognize that the breakpoints are set. You should reload memory in order to clear out any residual breakpoints.

reload — *Reload Object Code*

Syntax **reload** [*object filename*]

Menu selection File→Load→Reload Program

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The RELOAD command loads only an object file *without* loading its associated symbol table. This is useful for reloading a program when target memory has been corrupted. If you enter the RELOAD command without specifying a filename, the debugger reloads the file that you loaded last.

reset — *Reset Target System*

Syntax **reset**

Menu selection Debug→Reset Target

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The RESET command resets the target system (emulator only) or simulator. This is a *software* reset.

restart — *Reset PC to Program Entry Point*

Syntax **restart**
rest

Menu selection Debug→Restart

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The RESTART or REST command resets the program to its entry point. (This assumes that you have already used one of the load commands to load a program into memory.)

return — *Return to Function's Caller*

Syntax **return**
ret

Menu selection Debug→Return

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description

The RETURN or RET command executes the code in the current C function and halts when execution reaches the caller. Breakpoints do not affect this command, but you can halt execution by doing one of the following actions:

- ❑ Click the Halt icon on the toolbar:

- ❑ From the Debug menu, select Halt!.
- ❑ Press ESC.

run *Run Code*

Syntax **run** [*expression*]

Menu selection Debug→Run

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description

The RUN command is the basic command for running an entire program. The command's behavior depends on the type of parameter you supply:

- ❑ If you do not supply an *expression*, the program executes until it encounters a breakpoint or until you do one of the following actions:
  - ■ Click the Halt icon on the toolbar:

  - ■ From the Debug menu, select Halt!.
  - ■ Press ESC.
- ❑ If you supply a logical or relational *expression*, the run becomes conditional. (Section 6.4, *Running Code Conditionally*, page 6-11, discusses this in detail.)
- ❑ If you supply any other type of *expression*, the debugger treats the expression as a *count* parameter. The debugger executes *count* instructions, halts, and updates the display.

runb — *Benchmark Code*

Syntax **runb**

Menu selection Debug→Run Benchmark

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The RUNB command executes a specific section of code and counts the number of CPU clock cycles consumed by the execution. For RUNB to operate correctly, *execution must be halted by a software breakpoint*. After RUNB execution halts, the debugger stores the number of cycles into the CLK pseudoregister. For a complete explanation of the RUNB command and the benchmarking process, read section 6.5, *Benchmarking*, on page 6-12.

runf — *Run Free* — **Emulator Only**

Syntax **runf**

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The RUNF command disconnects the emulator from the target system while code is executing. When you enter RUNF, the debugger clears all breakpoints, disconnects the emulator from the target system, and causes the processor to begin execution at the current PC. You can quit the debugger, or you can continue to enter commands. However, any command that causes the debugger to access the target at this time produces an error.

The HALT command stops a RUNF; the debugger automatically executes a HALT when the debugger is invoked.

sa — *Add Stopping Point*

Syntax **sa** *address*

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The SA command adds a stopping point at *address*. The *address* can be a label, a function name, or a memory address.

sconfig — *Load Screen Configuration*

Syntax **sconfig** [*filename*]

Menu selection File→Load→Screen Layout

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The SCONFIG command restores the display to a specified configuration. This restores the window locations and sizes that were saved with the SSAVE command into *filename*. The debugger searches for the specified file in the current directory and then in directories named with the D_DIR environment variable. If you do not supply a *filename*, the debugger looks for init.clr.

When you use SCONFIG to restore a configuration that includes multiple File, Watch, or Memory windows, the additional windows are not opened automatically. However, when you open an additional window and use a *window name* that matches a window name that you used before you saved the configuration, the window is placed in the saved location.

sd — *Delete Stopping Point*

Syntax **sd** *address*

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The SD command deletes the stopping point at *address*.

send — *Send Debugger Command to Individual Debuggers*

Syntax **send** [**–r**] [**–g** {*group* | *processor name*}] *debugger command*

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The SEND command sends any debugger command to an individual processor or to a group of processors. If the command produces a message, it is displayed in the COMMAND window for the appropriate debugger(s) and also in the PDM window.

- ❏ The **–g** option specifies the group or processor that the debugger command should be sent to. If you do not use this option, the command is sent to the default group (dgroup).
- ❏ The **–r** (return) option determines when control returns to the PDM command line:
  - ■ **Without –r**, control is not returned to the command line until each debugger in the group finishes running code. Any results that are printed in the COMMAND window of the individual debuggers is also echoed in the PDM command window. These results are displayed by processor.

    If you want to break out of a synchronous command and regain control of the PDM command line, press CONTROL C in the PDM window. This returns control to the PDM command line. However, no debugger executing the command is interrupted.
  - ■ **With –r**, control is returned to the command line immediately, even if a debugger is still executing a command. When you use –r, you *do not* see the results of the commands that the debuggers are executing.

set — *Set a Variable to a String*

Syntax

set [*group name* [**=** *list of processor names*]]
set [*variable* [**=** *string value*]]

Menu selection

none

Toolbar selection

none

Environments

☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description

The SET command allows you to create groups of processors to which you can send commands. With the SET command you can:

- ❏ **Define a group of processors.** It is useful to define a group when you plan to send commands to the same set of processors. The commands are sent to the processors in the same order in which you added the processors to the group. To define a group, specify a *group name* and then list the processors you want in the group.
- ❏ **Set the default group.** Defining a default group provides you with a short-hand method of maintaining members in a group or of sending commands to the same group. To set up the default group, use the SET command with a special *group name* called dgroup.

- **Modify an existing group or create a group based on another group.** Once you have created a group, you can add processors to it by using the SET command and preceding the existing *group name* with a dollar sign ($) in the list of processors. You can also use a group as part of another group by preceding the existing group's name with a dollar sign. The dollar sign tells the PDM to use the processors listed previously in the group as part of the new list of processors.

- **List all groups of processors.** You can use the SET command without any parameters to list all the processors that belong to a group, in the order in which they were added to the group.

You can also use the SET command with system-defined variables to:

- **Change the prompt for the PDM.** To change the PDM prompt, use the SET command with the system variable called prompt. For example, to change the PDM prompt to 3PROCs, enter:

  ```
  set prompt = 3PROCs ↵
  ```

- **Check the execution status of the processors.** In addition to displaying the execution status of a processor or group of processors, the STAT command (described on page 11-51) sets a system variable called status. If *all* of the processors in the specified group are running, the status variable is set to 1. If one or more of the processors in the group is halted, the status variable is set to 0.

  You can use this variable when you want an instruction loop to execute until a processor halts (the LOOP/ENDLOOP command is described on page 11-29).

- **Create your own system variables.** You can use the SET command to create your own system variables that you can use with PDM commands. For more information about creating your own system variables, see page 10-18.

setf — *Set Default Data-Display Format*

Syntax **setf** [*data type*, *display format*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The SETF command changes the display format for a specific data type. If you enter SETF with no parameters, the debugger lists the current display format for each data type.

❑ The *data type* parameter can be any of the following C data types:

char	short	uint	ulong	double
uchar	int	long	float	ptr

❑ The *display format* parameter can be any of the following characters:

Parameter	Result is displayed in...	Parameter	Result is displayed in...
*	Default for the data type	o	Octal
c	ASCII character (bytes)	p	Valid address
d	Decimal	s	ASCII string
e	Exponential floating point	u	Unsigned decimal
f	Decimal floating point	x	Hexadecimal

Only a subset of the display formats can be used for each data type. Listed below are the valid combinations of data types and display formats.

	Valid Display Formats										Valid Display Formats									
Data Type	c	d	o	x	e	f	p	s	u	Data Type	c	d	o	x	e	f	p	s	u
char (c)	√	√	√	√					√	long (d)	√	√	√	√					√
uchar (d)	√	√	√	√					√	ulong (d)	√	√	√	√					√
short (d)	√	√	√	√					√	float (e)			√	√	√	√			
int (d)	√	√	√	√					√	double (e)			√	√	√	√			
uint (d)	√	√	√	√					√	ptr (p)			√	√			√	√	

To return all data types to their default display format, enter:

```
setf * ↵
```

size — *Size a Window*

Syntax **size** *window name* [**,** [*width*] [**,** *length*]]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The SIZE command changes the size of the window. Specify the *width* and *length* parameters in pixels. If you omit these parameters, the SIZE command defaults to the window's current size.

You can spell out the entire *window name*, but you need to specify only enough letters to identify the window.

sl — *List Stopping Point*

Syntax **sl**

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The SL command lists all of the currently set stopping points.

sload — *Load Symbol Table*

Syntax **sload** *object filename*

Menu selection File→Load→Program Symbols

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The SLOAD command loads the symbol table of the specified object file. SLOAD is useful in an emulation environment in which the debugger cannot, or need not, load the object code (for example, if the code is in ROM). In such an environment, loading the symbol table allows you to perform symbolic debugging and examine the values of C variables.

SLOAD clears the existing symbol table before loading the new one but does not modify memory or set the program entry point. SLOAD closes any Watch windows.

sound — *Enable Error Beeping*

Syntax **sound** {**on** | **off**}

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description You can cause a beep to sound every time a debugger error message is displayed. This is useful if the Command window is hidden (because you would not see the error message). By default, sound is off.

spawn — *Invoke the 'C54x Debugger*

Syntax **spawn** **emu54x** **–n** *processor name* [*invocation options*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description You must invoke a debugger for each processor that you want the PDM to control. To invoke a debugger, use the SPAWN command.

- **emu54x** is the executable that invokes the debugger.

  The PDM associates the *processor name* with the actual processor according to which executable you use. To invoke a debugger, the PDM must be able to find the executable file for that debugger. The PDM first searches the current directory and then searches the directories listed with the PATH statement.

- **–n** *processor name* supplies a processor name. You *must* use the –n option since the PDM uses processor names to identify the various debuggers that are running. The processor name can consist of up to eight alphanumeric or underscore characters and must begin with an alphabetic character. The name is not case sensitive. The processor name must match one of the names defined in your board configuration file (see Appendix C, *Describing Your Target System to the Debugger*).

sr — *Reset Stopping Point*

Syntax **sr**

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The SR command resets (deletes) *all* currently set stopping points.

ssave — *Save Screen Configuration*

Syntax **ssave** [*filename*]

Menu selection File→Save→Screen Layout New File

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The SSAVE command saves the current screen configuration to a file. This saves the window locations and window sizes for all debugging modes, including the size and location for multiple File, Watch, and Memory windows. However, the debugger does not save docking information about docked windows. If you have one or more docked windows and you save and reload the screen configuration, the debugger does not display any windows as docked. If you want the windows docked, you must follow the docking procedure again.

The *filename* parameter names the screen configuration file. You can include path information (including relative pathnames); if you do not supply path information, the debugger places the file in the current directory. If you do not supply a *filename*, the debugger saves the current configuration into a file named init.clr and places the file in the current directory.

If you use a filename that already exists, the debugger overwrites the file with the current configuration.

stat — *Find the Execution Status of Processors*

Syntax **stat** [{**–g** *group* | *processor name*}]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The STAT command tells you whether a processor is running or halted. If a processor is halted when you execute this command, then the PDM also lists the current PC value for that processor. If you do not use the **–g** option, the PDM displays the status of the processors in the default group (dgroup).

step — *Single-Step*

Syntax **step** [*expression*]

Menu selection Debug→Step

Toolbar selection

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The STEP command single-steps through assembly language or C code. If you are in C code, the debugger executes one C statement at a time. In assembly or mixed mode, the debugger executes one assembly language statement at a time.

If you are single-stepping through C code and encounter a function call, the STEP command shows you the single-step execution of the called function (assuming that the function was compiled with the compiler's –g option). When function execution is complete, single-step execution returns to the caller. If the function was not compiled with the –g option, the debugger executes the function but does not show single-step execution of the function.

The *expression* parameter specifies the number of statements that you want to single-step. You can use a conditional *expression* for conditional single-step execution. (Section 6.4, *Running Code Conditionally*, page 6-11, discusses this in detail.)

system — *Enter Operating-System Command*

Syntax **system** [*operating-system command* [, *flag*]]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description

The debugger version of the SYSTEM command allows you to enter operating-system commands without explicitly exiting the debugger environment. If you enter SYSTEM with no parameters, the debugger opens a system shell and displays the operating-system prompt. At this point, you can enter any operating-system command. When you finish, enter:

```
exit ↵
```

If you prefer, you can supply the operating-system command as a parameter to the SYSTEM command. If the result of the command is a message or other display, the debugger blanks the top of the debugger display to show the information. In this case, you can use the *flag* parameter to tell the debugger whether or not it should hesitate after displaying the information. The *flag* can be 0 or 1.

0 If you supply a value of 0 for *flag*, the debugger immediately returns to the debugger environment after the last item of information is displayed.

1 If you supply a value of 1 for *flag*, the debugger does not return to the debugger environment until you enter:

`exit ↵.`

(This is the default.)

system — *Enter Operating-System Command* — PDM Environment

Syntax **system** *operating-system command*

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The PDM version of the SYSTEM command allows you to enter a single operating-system command without explicitly exiting the PDM environment. You cannot enter more than one operating-system command with the PDM version of the SYSTEM command.

take *Execute Batch File*

Syntax

Basic debugger: **take** *batch filename* [**,** *suppress echo flag*]
PDM: **take** *batch filename*

Menu selection File→Execute Take File

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The TAKE command tells the debugger or the PDM to read and execute commands from a batch file. The *batch filename* parameter identifies the file that contains commands. If you do not supply a pathname as part of the filename, the debugger/PDM first looks in the current directory and then searches directories named with the D_DIR environment variable.

The *batch filename* for the PDM version of this command must have a .pdm extension, or the PDM will not be able to read the file. In addition, the batch file that the PDM reads can contain only PDM commands.

By default, the debugger echoes the commands to the display area of the Command window and updates the display as it reads the commands from the batch file. To suppress the echoing and updating, enter a 0 as the *suppress echo flag* parameter. If you omit the *suppress echo flag* parameter or enter a nonzero value for that parameter, the debugger behaves in the default manner.

unalias — *Delete Alias Definition*

Syntax **unalias** {*alias name* | ***}

Menu selection Configure→Alias Commands

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The UNALIAS command deletes defined aliases.

- To delete a **single alias**, enter the UNALIAS command with an alias name. For example, to delete an alias named NEWMAP, enter:

  ```
  unalias NEWMAP
  ```

- To delete **all aliases**, enter an asterisk instead of an alias name:

  ```
  unalias *
  ```

  The * symbol *does not* work as a wildcard.

unset — *Delete Group*

Syntax **unset** {*group name* | ***}

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☑ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The UNSET command deletes a group of processors. You can use this command in conjunction with the SET command to remove a particular processor from a group.

To delete all groups, enter an asterisk instead of a group name:

```
unset *
```

The * symbol *does not* work as a wildcard.

> **Note:**
>
> When you use UNSET * to delete all of your system variables and processor groups, variables such as prompt, status, and dgroup are also deleted.

use — *Use Additional Directory*

Syntax **use** [*directory name*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The USE command allows you to name an additional directory that the debugger can search when looking for source files. You can specify only one directory at a time.

If you enter the USE command without specifying a directory name, the debugger lists in the display area of the Command window all of the current directories.

vaa — *Save All Profile Data to a File*

Syntax **vaa** *filename*

Menu selection Tools→Profile→Save All

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The VAA command saves all statistics collected during the current profiling session. The data is stored in a system file.

vac — *Save Displayed Profile Data to a File*

Syntax **vac** *filename*

Menu selection Tools→Profile→Save View

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The VAC command saves all statistics currently displayed in the Profile window. (Statistics that are not displayed are not saved.) The data is stored in a system file.

version — *Display the Current Debugger Version*

Syntax **version**

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The VERSION command displays the debugger's copyright date and version number, as well as the device name.

vr — *Reset Profile Window Display*

Syntax **vr**

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☐ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The VR command resets the display in the Profile window so that all marked areas are listed and statistics are displayed with default labels and in the default sort order.

wa — *Add Item to Watch Window*

Syntax **wa** *expression* [**,**[*label*] [**,** [*display format*] [**,** *window name*]]]

Menu selection Configure→Watch Add

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The WA command displays the value of *expression* in a Watch window. If a Watch window is not open, executing WA opens a Watch window. The *expression* parameter can be any C expression, including an expression that has side effects.

WA is most useful for watching an expression whose value changes over time; constant expressions serve no useful function in the watch window. The *label* parameter is optional. When used, it provides a label for the watched entry. If you do not use a *label*, the debugger displays the *expression* in the label field.

When you use the optional *display format* parameter, data is displayed in one of the following formats:

Parameter	Result is displayed in...	Parameter	Result is displayed in...
*****	Default for the data type	**o**	Octal
c	ASCII character (bytes)	**p**	Valid address
d	Decimal	**s**	ASCII string
e	Exponential floating point	**u**	Unsigned decimal
f	Decimal floating point	**x**	Hexadecimal

If you want to use a *display format* parameter without a *label* parameter, be sure to include an extra comma. For example:

```
wa PC,,o ↵
```

You can open additional Watch windows by using the *window name* parameter. When you open an additional Watch window, the debugger appends the *window name* to the Watch window label. You can create as many Watch windows as you need.

If you omit the *window name* parameter, the debugger displays the expression in the default Watch window (labeled Watch).

wd — *Delete Item From Watch Window*

Syntax **wd** *expression* [**,** *window name*]

Menu selection Configure→Watch Add

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The WD command deletes a specific item from the Watch window. The WD command's *expression* parameter must correspond to one of the variable names listed in the Watch window. The optional *window name* parameter specifies a particular Watch window. If no window name is given, the expression is deleted from the default Watch window.

whatis — *Find Data Type*

Syntax **whatis** *symbol*

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The WHATIS command shows the data type of *symbol* in the display area of the Command window. The *symbol* can be any variable (local, global, or static), a function name, structure tag, typedef name, or enumeration constant.

win — *Make a Window Active*

Syntax **win** *window name*

Menu selection View menu options

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The WIN command allows you to make a window active by name. You can spell out the entire window name, but you really need to specify only enough letters to identify the window.

If you supply an ambiguous name (such as C, which could stand for CPU or Calls), the debugger selects the first window it finds whose name matches the name you supplied. If the debugger does not find the window you asked for (because you closed the window or misspelled the name), then the WIN command has no effect.

wr — *Close Watch Window*

Syntax **wr** [{***** | *window name*}]

Menu selection Configure→Watch Add

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☐ profiling

Description The WR command deletes all items from a Watch window and closes the window.

- To close the default Watch window, enter:

  `wr` ↵

- To close one of the additional Watch windows, use this syntax:

  wr *window name*

- To close all Watch windows, enter:

  `wr *` ↵

zoom — *Zoom a Window*

Syntax **zoom** [*window name*]

Menu selection none

Toolbar selection none

Environments ☑ basic debugger ☐ PDM ☑ profiling

Description The ZOOM command makes the window as large as possible. To unzoom a window, enter the ZOOM command a second time; this returns the window to its prezoom size and position.

You can spell out the entire *window name*, but you really need to specify only enough letters to identify the window.

11.3 Summary of Profiling Commands

The following tables summarize the profiling commands that are used for marking, enabling, disabling, and unmarking areas and for changing the display in the Profile window. These commands are easiest to use from the Tools→Profile menu and associated dialog boxes, so they are not included in the alphabetical command summary. The syntaxes for these commands are provided here so that you can include them in batch files.

Marking areas

To mark this area...	In C only	In disassembly only
Lines		
❑ By line number, address	**MCLE** *filename*, *line number*	**MALE** *address*
❑ All lines in a function	**MCLF** *function*	**MALF** *function*
Ranges		
❑ By line numbers	**MCRE** *filename*, *line number*, *line number*	**MARE** *address*, *address*
Functions		
❑ By function name	**MCFE** *function*	not applicable
❑ All functions in a module	**MCFM** *filename*	
❑ All functions everywhere	**MCFG**	

Disabling marked areas

To disable this area...	In C only	In disassembly only	In C *and* disassembly
Lines			
❑ By line number, address	**DCLE** *filename*, *line number*	**DALE** *address*	not applicable
❑ All lines in a function	**DCLF** *function*	**DALF** *function*	**DBLF** *function*
❑ All lines in a module	**DCLM** *filename*	**DALM** *filename*	**DBLM** *filename*
❑ All lines everywhere	**DCLG**	**DALG**	**DBLG**
Ranges			
❑ By line number, address	**DCRE** *filename*, *line number*	**DARE** *address*	not applicable
❑ All ranges in a function	**DCRF** *function*	**DARF** *function*	**DBRF** *function*
❑ All ranges in a module	**DCRM** *filename*	**DARM** *filename*	**DBRM** *filename*
❑ All ranges everywhere	**DCRG**	**DARG**	**DBRG**

To disable this area...	In C only	In disassembly only	In C *and* disassembly
Functions			
❑ By function name	**DCFE** *function*	not applicable	not applicable
❑ All functions in a module	**DCFM** *filename*		**DBFM** *filename*
❑ All functions everywhere	**DCFG**		**DBFG**
All areas			
❑ All areas in a function	**DCAF** *function*	**DAAF** *function*	**DBAF** *function*
❑ All areas in a module	**DCAM** *filename*	**DAAM** *filename*	**DBAM** *filename*
❑ All areas everywhere	**DCAG**	**DAAG**	**DBAG**

Enabling disabled areas

To enable this area...	In C only	In disassembly only	In C *and* disassembly
Lines			
❑ By line number, address	**ECLE** *filename*, *line number*	**EALE** *address*	not applicable
❑ All lines in a function	**ECLF** *function*	**EALF** *function*	**EBLF** *function*
❑ All lines in a module	**ECLM** *filename*	**EALM** *filename*	**EBLM** *filename*
❑ All lines everywhere	**ECLG**	**EALG**	**EBLG**
Ranges			
❑ By line number, address	**ECRE** *filename*, *line number*	**EARE** *address*	not applicable
❑ All ranges in a function	**ECRF** *function*	**EARF** *function*	**EBRF** *function*
❑ All ranges in a module	**ECRM** *filename*	**EARM** *filename*	**EBRM** *filename*
❑ All ranges everywhere	**ECRG**	**EARG**	**EBRG**
Functions			
❑ By function name	**ECFE** *function*	not applicable	not applicable
❑ All functions in a module	**ECFM** *filename*		**EBFM** *filename*
❑ All functions everywhere	**ECFG**		**EBFG**
All areas			
❑ All areas in a function	**ECAF** *function*	**EAAF** *function*	**EBAF** *function*
❑ All areas in a module	**ECAM** *filename*	**EAAM** *filename*	**EBAM** *filename*
❑ All areas everywhere	**ECAG**	**EAAG**	**EBAG**

Unmarking areas

To unmark this area...	In C only	In disassembly only	In C *and* disassembly
Lines			
❑ By line number, address	**UCLE** *filename*, *line number*	**UALE** *address*	not applicable
❑ All lines in a function	**UCLF** *function*	**UALF** *function*	**UBLF** *function*
❑ All lines in a module	**UCLM** *filename*	**UALM** *filename*	**UBLM** *filename*
❑ All lines everywhere	**UCLG**	**UALG**	**UBLG**
Ranges			
❑ By line number, address	**UCRE** *filename*, *line number*	**UARE** *address*	not applicable
❑ All ranges in a function	**UCRF** *function*	**UARF** *function*	**UBRF** *function*
❑ All ranges in a module	**UCRM** *filename*	**UARM** *filename*	**UBRM** *filename*
❑ All ranges everywhere	**UCRG**	**UARG**	**UBRG**
Functions			
❑ By function name	**UCFE** *function*	not applicable	not applicable
❑ All functions in a module	**UCFM** *filename*		**UBFM** *filename*
❑ All functions everywhere	**UCFG**		**UBFG**
All areas			
❑ All areas in a function	**UCAF** *function*	**UAAF** *function*	**UBAF** *function*
❑ All areas in a module	**UCAM** *filename*	**UAAM** *filename*	**UBAM** *filename*
❑ All areas everywhere	**UCAG**	**UAAG**	**UBAG**

Changing the profile window display

(a) Viewing specific areas

To view this area...	In C only	In disassembly only	In C *and* disassembly
Lines			
❑ By line number, address	**VFCLE** *filename*, *line number*	**VFALE** *address*	not applicable
❑ All lines in a function	**VFCLF** *function*	**VFALF** *function*	**VFBLF** *function*
❑ All lines in a module	**VFCLM** *filename*	**VFALM** *filename*	**VFBLM** *filename*
❑ All lines everywhere	**VFCLG**	**VFALG**	**VFBLG**
Ranges			
❑ By line number, address	**VFCRE** *filename*, *line number*	**VFARE** *address*	not applicable
❑ All ranges in a function	**VFCRF** *function*	**VFARF** *function*	**VFBRF** *function*
❑ All ranges in a module	**VFCRM** *filename*	**VFARM** *filename*	**VFBRM** *filename*
❑ All ranges everywhere	**VFCRG**	**VFARG**	**VFBRG**
Functions			
❑ By function name	**VFCFE** *function*	not applicable	not applicable
❑ All functions in a module	**VFCFM** *filename*		**VFBFM** *filename*
❑ All functions everywhere	**VFCFG**		**VFBFG**
All areas			
❑ All areas in a function	**VFCAF** *function*	**VFAAF** *function*	**VFBAF** *function*
❑ All areas in a module	**VFCAM** *filename*	**VFAAM** *filename*	**VFBAM** *filename*
❑ All areas everywhere	**VFCAG**	**VFAAG**	**VFBAG**

(b) Viewing different data

To view this information...	Use this command...
Count	**VDC**
Inclusive	**VDI**
Inclusive, maximum	**VDN**
Exclusive	**VDE**
Exclusive, maximum	**VDX**
Address	**VDA**
All	**VDL**

(c) Sorting the data

To sort on this data...	Use this command...
Count	**VSC**
Inclusive	**VSI**
Inclusive, maximum	**VSN**
Exclusive	**VSE**
Exclusive, maximum	**VSX**
Address	**VSA**
Data	**VSD**

Chapter 12

Basic Information About C Expressions

Many of the debugger commands take C expressions as parameters. This allows the debugger to have a relatively small, yet powerful, instruction set. Because C expressions can have side effects—that is, the evaluation of some types of expressions can affect existing values—you can use the same command to display or to change a value. This reduces the number of commands in the command set.

This chapter contains basic information that helps you use C expressions as debugger command parameters.

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12.1 C Expressions for Assembly Language Programmers

It is not necessary for you to be an experienced C programmer to use the debugger. However, to use the debugger's full capabilities, you should be familiar with the rules governing C expressions. You should obtain a copy of *The C Programming Language* (first or second edition) by Brian W. Kernighan and Dennis M. Ritchie, published by Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. This book is referred to in the C community, and in Texas Instruments documentation, as *K&R*.

Note:

A single value or symbol is a legal C expression.

K&R contains a complete description of C expressions; to get you started, here is a summary of the operators that you can use in expression parameters.

❑ **Reference operators**

–>	indirect structure reference	.	direct structure reference
[ ]	array reference	*	indirection (unary)
&	address (unary)		

❑ **Arithmetic operators**

+	addition (binary)	–	subtraction (binary)
*	multiplication	/	division
%	modulo	–	negation (unary)
(*type*)	type cast		

❑ **Relational and logical operators**

>	greater than	>=	greater than or equal to
<	less than	<=	less than or equal to
==	is equal to	!=	is not equal to
&&	logical AND	||	logical OR
!	logical NOT (unary)		

❑ Increment and decrement operators

++	increment	– –	decrement

These unary operators can precede or follow a symbol. When the operator precedes a symbol, the symbol value is incremented/decremented before it is used in the expression; when the operator follows a symbol, the symbol value is incremented/decremented after it is used in the expression. Because these operators affect the symbol's final value, the parameters they are used with have side effects.

❑ Bitwise operators

&	bitwise AND	|	bitwise OR
^	bitwise exclusive-OR	<<	left shift
>>	right shift	~	1s complement (unary)

❑ Assignment operators

=	assignment	+=	assignment with addition
–=	assignment with subtraction	/=	assignment with division
%=	assignment with modulo	&=	assignment with bitwise AND
^=	assignment with bitwise XOR	|=	assignment with bitwise OR
<<=	assignment with left shift	>>=	assignment with right shift
*=	assignment with multiplication		

These operators support a shorthand version of the familiar binary expressions; for example, X = X + Y can be written in C as X += Y. Because these operators affect a symbol's final value, the parameters they are used with have side effects.

12.2 Using Expression Analysis in the Debugger

The debugger's expression analysis is based on C expression analysis. This includes all mathematical, relational, pointer, and assignment operators. However, a few limitations, as well as a few additional features, are not described in K&R.

Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to the debugger's expression analysis features.

- ❏ The sizeof operator is not supported.
- ❏ The comma operator (,) is not supported (commas are used to separate parameter values for the debugger commands).
- ❏ Function calls and string constants are currently not supported in expressions.
- ❏ The debugger supports a limited capability of type casts; the following forms are allowed:

  (*basic type* **)**
  (*basic type* ***** *...***)**
  ([*structure/union/enum***]** *structure/union/enum tag* **)**
  ([*structure/union/enum***]** *structure/union/enum tag* ***** *...* **)**

  You can use up to six ***** characters in a cast.

Additional features

- ❏ All floating-point operations are performed in double precision using standard widening. (This is transparent.) Floats are represented in IEEE floating-point format.
- ❏ All registers can be referenced by name. The 'C54x auxiliary registers are treated as integers and/or pointers.
- ❏ Void expressions are legal (treated like integers).
- ❏ The specification of variables and functions can be qualified with context information. Local variables (including local statics) can be referenced with the expression form:

  *function name***.***local name*

This expression format is useful for examining the automatic variables of a function that is not currently being executed. Unless the variable is static, however, the function must be somewhere in the current call stack. If you want to see local variables from the currently executing function, you need not use this form; you can simply specify the variable name (just as in your C source).

File-scoped variables (such as statics or functions) can be referenced with the following expression form:

filename.function name
or *filename.variable name*

This expression format is useful for accessing a file-scoped static variable (or function) that may share its name with variables in other files.

In this expression form, *filename* **does not include** the file extension; the debugger searches the object symbol table for any source filename that matches the input name, disregarding any extension. Thus, if the variable *ABC* is in file source.c, you can specify it as source.ABC.

These expression forms can be combined into an expression of the form:

filename.function name.variable name

- Any integral or void expression can be treated as a pointer and used with the indirection operator (*). Here are several examples of valid use of a pointer in an expression:

```
*123
*A5
*(A2 + 123)
*(I*J)
```

  By default, the values are treated as integers (that is, these expressions point to integer values).

- Any expression can be type cast to a pointer to a specific type (overriding the default of pointing to an integer, as described above).

  Hint: You can use casting with the WA and DISP commands to display data in a desired format.

  For example, the expression:

```
*(float *)10
```

  treats 10 as a pointer to a floating-point value at location 10 in memory. In this case, the debugger fetches the contents of memory location 10 and treats the contents as a floating-point value. If you use this expression as a parameter for the DISP command, the debugger displays memory contents as an array of floating-point values within the DISP window, beginning with memory location 10 as array member [0].

Note how the first expression differs from the expression:

```
(float)*10
```

In this case, the debugger fetches an integer from address 10 and converts the integer to a floating-point value.

You can also type cast to user-defined types such as structures. For example, in the expression:

```
((struct STR *)10)–>field
```

The debugger treats memory location 10 as a pointer to a structure of type STR (assuming that a structure is at address 10) and accesses a field from that structure.

Appendix A

What the Debugger Does During Invocation

In some circumstances, you may find it helpful to know the steps that the debugger goes through during the invocation process. These are the steps, in order, that the debugger performs. If you are using PDM to run multiple debuggers, PDM executes the first step. (For more information on the environment variables mentioned below, see Chapter 2, *Getting Started With the Debugger.*)

The debugger:

1) Reads options from the operating system's command line.
2) Reads any information specified with the D_OPTIONS environment variable.
3) Reads information from the D_DIR and D_SRC environment variables.
4) Looks for the init.clr screen-configuration file.

   (The debugger searches for the screen-configuration file in directories named with D_DIR.)
5) Initializes the debugger screen and windows.
6) Finds the batch file that defines your memory map by searching in directories named with D_DIR. The debugger expects this file to set up the memory map and follows these steps to look for the batch file:

   - When you invoke the debugger, it checks to see if you have used the –t debugger option. If it finds the –t option, the debugger reads and executes the specified file.
   - If you have not used the –t option, the debugger looks for the default initialization batch file emuinit.cmd.

   If the debugger finds the file, it reads and executes the file. If the debugger does not find the –t option or the initialization batch file, it looks for a file called init.cmd. This allows you to have one initialization batch file for more than one debugger tool. To set up this file, you can use the IF/ELSE/ENDIF commands (see page 3-8 for more information) to indicate which memory map applies to each tool.

7) Loads any object files specified with D_OPTIONS or specified on the command line during invocation.

8) Determines the initial mode (auto, assembly, or mixed) and displays the appropriate windows on the screen.

At this point, the debugger is ready to process any commands that you enter.

Where the debugger looks for files

You can perform all load-type commands by using menu options. However, if you choose to use the command-line equivalents to these menu options, you need to know where the debugger looks for source files.

The FILE, LOAD, RELOAD, SLOAD, SCONFIG, and TAKE commands expect a filename as a parameter. If the filename includes path information, the debugger uses the file from the specified directory and does not search for the file in any other directory. If you do not supply path information, the debugger must search for the file. The debugger first looks for the file in the current directory. You may, however, have your files in several different directories.

- If you are using LOAD, RELOAD, or SLOAD, you have only two choices for supplying the path information:
  - Specify the path as part of the filename.
  - Alternatively, you can use the CD command before you enter the LOAD, RELOAD or SLOAD command to change the current directory from within the debugger. The format for this command is:

    cd *directory name*

- If you are using the FILE command, you have several options:
  - Within the operating-system environment, you can name additional directories with the D_SRC environment variable. The format for this environment variable is:

    SET D_SRC=*pathname;pathname* For PCs

    setenv D_SRC "*pathname;pathname***"** For SPARCstations

    You can name several directories for the debugger to search.
  - When you invoke the debugger, you can use the – i option to name additional source directories for the debugger to search. The format for this option is **–i** *pathname.*

    You can specify multiple pathnames by using several –i options (one pathname per option). The list of source directories that you create with –i options is valid until you quit the debugger.

- Within the debugger environment, you can use the USE command to name additional source directories. The format for this command is:

  use *directory name*

  You can specify only one directory at a time.

In all cases, you can use relative pathnames such as ..\csource or ..\..\code. The debugger can recognize a cumulative total of 20 paths specified with D_SRC, –i, and USE.

Appendix B

Customizing the Emulator Analysis Interface

The interface to the ’C54x emulator analysis module is register based. You can set up hardware breakpoints or counter events through the Tools→Analysis menu dialog boxes. In some cases, however, you may want to define more complex conditions for the processor to detect. Or, you may want to write a batch file that defines breakpoint and/or counter conditions. In either case, you can accomplish these tasks by accessing the analysis registers through the debugger. This appendix explains how to access these registers.

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B.1 Loading the Analysis Pseudoregisters With Their Default Values

The analysis.cmd file supplied with the debugger defines a basic set of analysis commands. These commands, like the analysis dialog boxes, load the analysis registers with specified values. Before you can use these command aliases, you must execute the analysis.cmd file. To execute the analysis.cmd file, follow these steps:

1) From the File menu, select Execute Take File...

2) In the Open Take File dialog box, browse until you find analysis.cmd.

3) Select analysis.cmd and click Open.

By default, the debugger echoes the file to the output area of the Command window. However, you can view the entire file by using the FILE command to display its contents in the File window. Table B–1 shows the predefined commands along with their menu equivalents.

B.2 Summary of Predefined Analysis Commands

Table B–1 shows the predefined commands along with their dialog box equivalents. These commands, created in the analysis.cmd file, are provided to help you familiarize yourself with the analysis registers and how they work. These aliases are a foundation for you to build upon to create your own commands.

Table B–1. The Analysis Commands Found in the analysis.cmd File

Command	Analysis Events Dialog Box Tab→ Selection	Description	Page
asys_emu0out	Emulator pins → EMU0 trigger out	Set EMU0 pin to output	B-6
asys_emu1out	Emulator pins → EMU1 trigger out	Set EMU1 pin to output	B-6
asys_extcnt	Emulator pins → External clock	Use the external counter on the emulator	B-6
asys_off	Analysis → Enable Events (Use Enable Events on the Tools→Analysis menu rather than Setup Events.)	Turn off the analysis interface	B-5
asys_on	Analysis → Enable Events (Use Enable Events on the Tools→Analysis menu rather than Setup Events.)	Turn on the analysis interface	B-5
asys_reset	None	Reset the analysis interface	B-11
cnt_br	Analysis Count Events → Branch taken	Count any branches detected	B-7
cnt_call	Analysis Count Events → Call taken	Count any calls detected	B-7
cnt_clock	Analysis Count Events → CPU clock	Count CPU clock cycles	B-7
cnt_data	Analysis Count Events → Data bus	Count any data accesses	B-7
cnt_ins	Analysis Count Events → Instruction fetch	Count any instructions fetched	B-7
cnt_intr	Analysis Count Events → Interrupt/trap taken	Count any interrupts/traps detected	B-7
cnt_load *value*	Analysis Count Events → Event counter	Load the analysis counter	B-6
cnt_pclk	Analysis Count Events → Pipeline clock	Count CPU pipeline execution clocks	B-7
cnt_prog1 cnt_prog2	Analysis Count Events → Program bus 1 and 2	Count any program address accesses	B-7
cnt_ret	Analysis Count Events → Return taken	Count any returns from an interrupt/trap detected	B-7
data_bus_qual	Analysis Count/Break Events → Data Bus radio	Count or break on data bus events	B-10
data_io_address *address* or *symbol name*	Analysis Count/Break Events → Data or I/O bus: Address field	Set a breakpoint or a count event on a data address	B-8
data_io_mask *value*	Analysis Count/Break Events → Data or I/O bus: Mask field	Set a breakpoint or a count event on data value with mask	B-8
data_io_val *value*	Analysis Count/Break Events → Data or I/O bus: Value field	Set a breakpoint or a count event on data value	B-8

Table B–1. The Analysis Commands Found in the analysis.cmd File (Continued)

Command	Analysis Events Dialog Box Tab→ Selection	Description	Page
data_io_qual_r	Analysis Count/Break Events → Data or I/O Bus: Data bus: Read	Data or I/O read qualifier	B-10
data_io_qual_rw	Analysis Count/Break Events → Data or I/O Bus: Data bus: Access	Data or I/O read/write qualifier	B-10
data_io_qual_w	Analysis Count/Break Events → Data or I/O Bus: Data bus: Write	Data or I/O write qualifier	B-10
io_bus_qual	Analysis Count/Break Events → IO Bus radio	Count or break on I/O bus events	B-10
prog1_address *address or function name*	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program bus 1: Address field	Break or count Program Bus 1 events at *address*	B-8
prog2_address *address or function name*	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program bus 2: Address field	Break or count Program Bus 2 events at *address*	B-8
prog1_ext_add	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program bus 1: Extended Address	Enable Program Bus 1 extended addressing	B-8
prog2_ext_add	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program bus 2: Extended Address	Enable Program Bus 2 extended addressing	B-8
prog1_page	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program Bus 1: Page field	Specify count and break page field for Program Bus 1	B-8
prog2_page	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program Bus 2: Page field	Specify count and break page field for Program Bus 2	B-8
prog1_qual_iaq prog2_qual_iaq	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program bus 1 and 2: Fetch	Program instruction acquisition	B-10
prog1_qual_r prog2_qual_r	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program bus 1 and 2: Read	Program read qualifier	B-10
prog1_qual_rw prog2_qual_rw	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program bus 1 and 2: Access	Program read/write qualifier	B-10
prog1_qual_w prog2_qual_w	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program bus 1 and 2: Write	Program write qualifier	B-10
prog_win_on	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program window	Program windowing enabled	B-5
prog_win_off	Analysis Count/Break Events → Program window	Program windowing disabled	B-5
stop_br	Analysis Break Events → Branch taken	Halt the processor when a branch is detected	B-9
stop_call	Analysis Break Events → Call taken	Halt the processor when a call is detected	B-9
stop_cnt	Analysis Count Events → Event counter < 0	Halt the processor when the counter passes 0	B-6
stop_data	Analysis Break Events → Data bus	Halt the processor on a data bus access	B-8
stop_disc	Analysis Break Events → Discontinuity	Halt any discontinuity	B-9

Table B–1. The Analysis Commands Found in the analysis.cmd File (Continued)

Command	Analysis Events Dialog Box Tab→ Selection	Description	Page
stop_emu0	Analysis Break Events → EMU0 driven low	Halt the processor when the EMU0 pin is low	B-9
stop_emu1	Analysis Break Events → EMU1 driven low	Halt the processor when the EMU1 pin is low	B-9
stop_intr	Analysis Break Events → Interrupt/trap taken	Halt the processor when an interrupt/trap is detected	B-9
stop_off	None	Disable break events	B-9
stop_pclk	Analysis Break Events → Pipeline clock	Halt the processor on a pipe-clock (instruction fetched)	B-9
stop_prog1 stop_prog2	Analysis Break Events → Program bus 1 and 2	Halt the processor on a program bus access	B-8
stop_ret	Analysis Break Events → Return taken	Halt the processor when a return from an interrupt/trap is detected	B-9

In addition to the predefined commands listed in Table B–1, you can create your own analysis commands using the ALIAS and EVAL commands. Refer to sections 3.1, page 3-2, and 7.2, page 7-3, for more information on ALIAS and EVAL. The following subsections briefly describe the use of the analysis commands.

Enabling the analysis interface

The basic syntax for the command to enable the analysis module is:

asys_on

The syntax for the command to disable the analysis interface is:

asys_off

Enabling the program window

The basic syntax for the command to enable the analysis program window is:

prog_win_on

The syntax for the command to disable the program window is:

prog_win_off

Enabling the EMU0/1 pins

To set the EMU0/1 pins to output, or to use the external counter, enter the appropriate command:

To do this...	Enter this...
Set the EMU0 pin to output	asys_emu0out
Set the EMU1 pin to output	asys_emu1out
Use the external counter on the emulator	asys_extcnt

Enabling event counting

The syntax for the command to load or reset the event counter is:

cnt_load *value*

Load *value* with a 1s complement of the number of times you want to count the specified event. For example, to stop the processor after ten instruction fetches have occurred, enter:

```
cnt_load –10          Set the counter to count ten events and then stop.
cnt_ins                                   Count instruction fetches.
stop_cnt              Stop the processor when the counter reaches 0.
```

In this example, you must load the counter with a negative value because the event counter register represents a 1s complement of the loaded value.

To reset the internal event counter and count the number of instruction fetches detected, enter:

```
cnt_load 0                                          Reset the counter.
cnt_ins               Count the number of instruction fetches detected.
```

You can count only one event at a time. To count any of the other events, simply type in the appropriate command. Table B–2 shows the command for counting each of the nine events.

Table B–2. The Analysis Commands

Command	Dialog Box Selection	Description
cnt_br	Branch taken	Count the number of branches detected
cnt_call	Call taken	Count the number of calls detected
cnt_clock	CPU clock	Count the number of CPU clock cycles
cnt_data	Data bus	Count the number of data cycles
cnt_ins	Instruction fetch	Count the number of instruction fetches
cnt_intr	Interrupt/trap taken	Count the number of interrupts/traps detected
cnt_pclk	Pipeline clock	Count the CPU pipeline execution clocks
cnt_prog1 cnt_prog2	Program bus	Count the number of program address accesses
cnt_ret	Return taken	Count the number of returns from interrupts, traps, or subroutine calls

Setting breakpoints on a single program or data address

The simplest events to detect identify a single address. To define this type of event, follow the command with a C expression. For example, to set a program address breakpoint, enter:

```
asys_on                                  Turn the analysis interface on.
prog1_brk_add main                       Set a program address breakpoint on
prog2_brk_add main                       function_name.
stop_prog                                Enable the processor to stop on the
                                         breakpoint condition.
run                                      Run the program.
prog1_brk_add My_Function                Set a new program address
prog2_brk_add My_Function                breakpoint on function_name2.
run                                      Run to the new breakpoint.
```

The commands shown in bold represent the actual breakpoint commands used. *Main* and *My_Function* represent the addresses on which the processor will break. These function names can be replaced by specific address locations. Table B–3 shows the breakpoint commands for setting single address breakpoints; their respective menu selections can be found in the Analysis break events dialog box. You can set breakpoints on any combination of these events.

Table B–3. Breakpoint Commands for Program and Data Addresses

Command	Dialog Box Selection	Description
data_io_address *address* or *symbol name*	Data bus	Set a data breakpoint address
data_io_val *value*	Data bus	Set a data value
data_io_mask *value*	Data bus	Set a data value mask
prog1_address *address* or *function name*	Program bus 1	Set a program breakpoint address
prog2_address *address* or *function name*	Program bus 2	Set a program breakpoint address
prog1_ext_add prog2_ext_add	Program bus	Enable Program Bus 1or 2 extended addressing
prog1_page prog2_page	Program bus	Specify count and break page field for Program bus
stop_data	Data bus	Stop the processor when the data breakpoint condition executes
stop_prog1 stop_prog2	Program bus	Stop the processor when the program breakpoint condition executes

Breaking on event occurrences

You can also set conditions on various types of processor operations. To define these conditions or events, simply enter the command. For example, to stop the processor when it detects an interrupt or a call taken, enter:

`asys_on`	*Turn the analysis interface on.*
`stop_intr`	*Enable the processor to stop when it detects an interrupt.*
`stop_call`	*Enable the processor to stop when it detects a call taken.*

Table B–4 shows the commands for stopping the processor when an event occurs. You can set breakpoints on any combination of these events.

Table B–4. Breakpoint Commands for Event Occurrences

Command	Dialog Box Selection	Description
stop_br	Branch taken	Stop the processor when a branch is taken
stop_call	Call taken	Stop the processor when a call is taken
stop_disc	Discontinuity	Stop the processor with any discontinuity
stop_emu0	EMU0 driven low	Stop the processor when the EMU pin reaches a logic low of 0
stop_emu1	EMU1 driven low	Stop the processor when the EMU pin reaches a logic low of 1
stop_intr	Interrupt/trap taken	Stop the processor when an interrupt is detected
stop_off	None	Disable break events
stop_pclk	Pipeline clock	Stop the processor on a pipeline clock (instruction fetched)
stop_ret	Return taken	Stop the processor when a return from an interrupt, branch, or call occurs

Qualifying on a read or a write

Data and program accesses can be qualified, depending on whether the memory cycle is a read or write:

`go function_name`	*Run to the beginning of the function function_name.*
`data_qual_w`	*Look only at writes.*
`data_brk_add data_symbol`	*Set a data address breakpoint on data_symbol.*
`cnt_data`	*Enable the processor to count any writes to the specified data access.*
`run`	*Count the number of any writes to data_symbol.*

This example sets a data address breakpoint that counts only when a write is detected. Table B–5 shows the qualifier commands for data and program break events. You can use only one of these commands at a time.

Table B–5. Read and Write Qualifying Commands for Data and Program Accesses

Command	Dialog Box Selection	Description
data_bus_qual	Data bus: Radio	Count or break on Data bus events
data_io_qual_r	Data bus: Read	Look only at data reads
data_io_qual_rw	Data bus: Access	Look at both data reads and writes
data_io_qual_w	Data bus: Write	Look only at data writes
io_bus_qual	IO bus: Radio	Count or break on I/O bus events
prog1_qual_iaq prog2_qual_iaq	Program bus: Fetch	Program instruction acquisition
prog1_qual_r prog2_qual_r	Program bus: Read	Look only at data reads
prog1_qual_rw prog2_qual_rw	Program bus: Access	Look at both data reads and writes
prog1_qual_w prog2_qual_w	Program bus: Write	Look only at data writes

Resetting the analysis interface

Whenever you begin a new analysis session, you can define new parameters or qualifier expressions. You can do this without having to manually deselect each defined condition. Just enter the ASYS_RESET command. To reset the analysis module, type:

```
asys_reset ↵
```

Note:

To clear conditions or qualifier expressions previously defined via the Tools→Analysis menu, you must open the Analysis count events and Analysis break events dialog boxes and deselect each defined condition.

B.3 Creating Customized Analysis Commands

By manipulating the analysis registers, you can customize commands for more complex instructions that do not exist on the Break or Count dialog boxes. Use the ALIAS and EVAL commands to create your own commands. The basic syntax for creating customized analysis commands is:

alias *command_name*, **"eval** *register name* = *code***"**

For example, to create a new command for turning on the analysis module, enter:

```
alias analysis_on, "eval anaenbl = 1"
```

To create a new command for counting branches detected, enter:

```
alias cb, "e evtselt = 12"
```

B.4 Summary of Analysis Pseudoregisters

To create your own analysis commands, you must familiarize yourself with the thirteen analysis registers and how they work. The following subsections discuss the analysis registers briefly.

anaenbl (enable analysis)

You can enable and disable the analysis module by using the anaenbl register. Set the bit to 1 to enable or to 0 to disable.

Bit Number	Description
0	Enable analysis module
1	Reserved (set to 0)
2	Reserved (set to 0)
3	Enable external counter
4	Enable EMU0 output
5	Enable EMU1 output

When you disable analysis, all registers except anaenbl retain their previous state.

anastat (analysis status)

The anastat register records the occurrence of enabled events. The status bits are defined as follows:

Bit Number	Definition
0	Call taken
1	Return from interrupt/trap/subroutine
2	Interrupt/trap taken
3	Branch taken
4	Pipe clock
5	Program 1 address
6	Data address
7	Discontinuity
8	Event counter passed 0
9	EMU0 detected low
10	EMU1 detected low
11	Program 2 address

Run commands do not interfere with the status bits because they are cleared before command execution.

datbrkp (data breakpoint address)

The datbrkp pseudoregister allows you to specify a breakpoint address for each of the major buses in the ’C54x path. When a valid bus cycle occurs and the bus value matches the breakpoint address, then a breakpoint condition can occur.

datdval (data breakpoint data value)

You can specify a data value that is qualified by the data breakpoint address. The debugger halts the processor when the entered data bus address contains the entered data value.

datmval (data breakpoint mask value)

You can mask bits of the data value. If the mask value is 0, then any value in the given data address is trapped, providing the access type matches. If the mask value is 0xffff, then the mask value is not used; when the data address value matches the specified data value, the data breakpoint is trapped. Otherwise, the mask value and the data value are used to continue checking for the desired data pattern according to the following algorithm:

```
if ( NOT( (data_bus XOR data_val) AND mask_val) )
  {
   data_break_point_found = TRUE ;
  }
```

datqual (data breakpoint qualifier)

The data breakpoint register has three qualifier bits. The qualifier bits are defined as follows:

Qualifier Code	Definition
0	Read
1	Write
2	Reserved
3	Read/write

evtcntr (event counter)

This register represents a true value in the ’C54x analysis module, which provides a 16-bit decrementing event counter. For convenience, the pseudo-register, EVT_cntr, provides a 1s complement of the evtcntr value.

You can use the event counter in one of two ways:

- ❏ Count the number of events detected.
- ❏ Stop after *n* events have occurred.

To count the number of events detected, load the counter with its maximum value –1, or 0xFFFF. The following example loads the counter and counts the instructions.

```
cnt_load 0          Reset the counter.
cnt_ins             Count the number of instruction fetches detected.
```

The EVT_cntr register displays the number of events detected after reaching a stop condition.

To stop after a certain number of events, load the counter with the number of events you want to occur before setting a breakpoint. The following example counts ten events and then stops.

```
cnt_load 10         Set the counter to count ten events and then stop.
cnt_ins             Count instruction fetches.
stop_cnt            Stop the processor when the counter reaches 0.
```

If a software breakpoint happens to halt the processor before the counter reaches zero, then the CNT_valu (displayed in the WATCH window) contains the number of events remaining.

Note:

When CPU clock cycles are counted, the event counter includes start-up and latency cycles.

evtselt (select the event for counting)

The ’C54x can count nine types of events; however, only one event can be counted at a time. The count select codes are defined below.

Select Code	Definition
0	CPU clocks
1	Pipeline clocks
2–7	Not used
8	Instruction fetched
9	Call taken
10	Return from interrupt/trap/subroutine
11	Interrupt/trap taken
12	Branch taken
13	Program 1 address breakpoints
14	Program 2 address breakpoints
15	Data address breakpoints

hbpenbl (select hardware breakpoints)

By setting the appropriate enable bit to 1 in the hbpenbl register, the ’C54x can break on multiple events. Setting the bit to 0 disables the breakpoint and clears the register. The breakpoint enable bits are defined below.

Bit Number	Definition
0	Call taken
1	Return from interrupt/trap/subroutine
2	Interrupt/trap taken
3	Branch taken
4	Pipe clock
5	Program 1 address
6	Data address
7	Discontinuity
8	Counter passing 0
9	EMU0 detected low
10	EMU1 detected low
11	Program 2 address

pgabrkp1, pgabrkp2 (program address breakpoint)

You can specify a breakpoint address for each of the major buses in the ’C54x path. When a valid bus cycle occurs and the bus value matches the breakpoint address, then a breakpoint condition can occur.

pgaqual1, pgaqual2 (program breakpoint qualifier)

The data breakpoint register has three qualifier bits. The qualifier bits are defined as follows:

Qualifier Code	Definition
0	Read
1	Write
2	Program instruction acquisition
3	Read/write

progwin (program window enable)

You can enable data breakpoints in the program window between program address 1 and program address 2. Set the bit to 1 to enable or to 0 to disable.

ptrace0/ptrace1/ptrace2 (discontinuity trace samples 0–2)

A program discontinuity occurs when the program addresses fetched by the processor become nonsequential as a result of branches, interrupts, and similar events. The ’C54x provides three levels of discontinuity trace to aide in program flow analysis:

Register	Name	Description
ptrace0	discontinuity trace sample 0	Traces the current code segment
ptrace1	discontinuity trace sample 1	Traces the previous code segment
ptrace2	discontinuity trace sample 2	Traces the oldest code segment

Example B–1. Program Discontinuity

```
010A              nop
010B              nop
010C              b      dcon2          Discontinuity occurs.
010E              nop                   Branch from
010F              nop
0110              nop
0111       dcon2: nop                   Branch to
0112              nop
0113              nop
0114              nop
0115              b      dcon1          Discontinuity occurs.
0117              nop                   Branch from
0118              nop
0119              nop
011A       dcon1: nop                   Branch to
011B              nop
011C              nop
```

Stepping through the code starting at address 0x010A with ptrace0/1/2 initialized to 0, the trace buffer shows the following:

- Following the first branch (b dcon2), the trace contains the following values:

```
PTRACE2      0x0000
PTRACE1      0x010F      Last instruction fetched before the branch
PTRACE0      0x0111      Branch to address (dcon2)
```

- Following the second branch (b dcon1), the trace contains the following values:

```
PTRACE2      0x0111      Discontinuity from the oldest code segment
PTRACE1      0x011E      Discontinuity from the previous code segment
PTRACE0      0x011A      Current code segment
```

Appendix C

Describing Your Target System to the Debugger

For the debugger to understand how you have configured your target system, you must supply the target configuration information in a file for the debugger to read.

- If you are using an emulation scan path that contains only one ’C54x and no other devices, you can use the *board.dat* file that comes with the ’C54x emulator kit. This file describes to the debugger the single ’C54x in the scan path and gives the ’C54x the name CPU_A. Because the debugger automatically looks for a file called board.dat in the current directory and in the directories specified with the D_DIR environment variable, you can skip this appendix.

- If you plan to use a target system that has multiple ’C54x devices or that includes devices other than the ’C54x, you must follow these steps:

  Step 1: Create the board configuration text file.

  Step 2: Translate the board configuration text file to a binary, structured format so that the debugger can read it.

  Step 3: Specify the formatted configuration file when invoking the debugger.

  These steps are described in this appendix.

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C.1 Step 1: Create the Board Configuration Text File

To describe the emulation scan path of your target system to the debugger, you must create a board configuration file. Each entry of the file describes one device on your scan path and the entries follow the order of the devices in the scan path. The text version of the configuration file is referred to as *board.cfg* in this book.

Example C–1 shows a board.cfg file that describes a possible ’C54x device chain. It lists six octals named A1–A6, followed by five ’C54x devices named CPU_A, CPU_B, CPU_C, CPU_D, and CPU_E.

Example C–1. A Sample TMS320C54x Device Chain

(a) A sample board.cfg file

Device Name	Device Type	Comments
″A1″	BYPASS08	;the first device nearest TDO ;(test data out)
″A2″	BYPASS08	;the next device nearest TDO
″A3″	BYPASS08	
″A4″	BYPASS08	
″A5″	BYPASS08	
″A6″	BYPASS08	
″CPU_A″	TMS320C54x	;the first ’C54x
″CPU_B″	TMS320C54x	
″CPU_C″	TMS320C54x	
″CPU_D″	TMS320C54x	
″CPU_E″	TMS320C54x	;the last ’C54x nearest TDI ;(test data in)

(b) A sample ’C54x device chain

The order in which you list each device is important. The emulator scans the devices, assuming that the data from one device is followed by the data of the next device on the chain. Data from the device that is closest to the emulation header's TDO (test data out) reaches the emulator first. The device whose data reaches the emulator first is listed first in the board.cfg file; the device whose data reaches the emulator last is listed last in the board.cfg file.

The board.cfg file can have any number of each of these three types of entries:

- **Debugger devices** such as the 'C54x. These are the only devices that the debugger can recognize.
- The **TI ACT8997 scan path linker**, or **SPL**. The SPL allows you to have up to four secondary scan paths that can each contain debugger devices ('C54xs) and other devices.
- **Other devices**. These are any other devices in the scan path. These devices cannot be debugged and must be worked around or bypassed when trying to access the 'C54xs.

Each entry in the board.cfg file consists of at least two pieces of data:

- **The name of the device.** The device name always appears first and is enclosed in double quotes:

  "*device name***"**

  This is the same name that you use with the –n debugger option, which tells the debugger the name of the 'C54x. The *device name* can consist of up to eight alphanumeric characters or underscore characters and must begin with an alphabetic character.

- **The type of the device.** The debugger supports the following device types:

  - **TMS320C54x** is an example of a debugger-device type. TMS320C54x describes the 'C54x.
  - **SPL** specifies the scan path linker and must be followed by four subpaths, as in this syntax:

    "*device name"* **SPL {***subpath0***} {***subpath1***} {***subpath2***} {***subpath3***}**

    Each *subpath* can contain any number of devices. However, an SPL subpath *cannot* contain another SPL. A subpath that contains no devices must still be listed.

Example C–2 shows a file that contains an SPL.

Example C–2. A board.cfg File Containing an SPL

Device Name	Device Type	Comments
″A1″	BYPASS08	;the first device nearest TDO
″A2″	BYPASS08	
″CPU_A″	TMS320C54x	;the first ’C54x
″HUB″	SPL	;the scan path linker
{		;the first subpath
″B1″	BYPASS08	
″B2″	BYPASS08	
″CPU_B″	TMS320C54x	;the second ’C54x
}		
{		;the second subpath
″C1″	BYPASS08	
″C2″	BYPASS08	
″CPU_C″	TMS320C54x	;the third ’C54x
}		
{		;the third subpath (contains nothing)
}		
{		;the fourth subpath
″D1″	BYPASS08	
″D2″	BYPASS08	
″CPU_D″	TMS320C54x	;the fourth ’C54x
}		
″CPU_E″	TMS320C54x	;the last ’C54x nearest TDI

Note: The indentation in the file is for readability only.

C.2 Step 2: Translate the Configuration File to a Debugger-Readable Format

After you have created the board.cfg file, you must translate it from text to a binary, conditioned format so that the debugger can understand it. To translate the file, use the composer utility that is included with the emulator kit. At the system prompt, enter the following command:

composer [*input file* [*output file*]]

- The *input file* is the name of the board.cfg file that you created in step 1; if the file is not in the current directory, you must supply the entire pathname. If you omit the input filename, the composer utility looks for a file called board.cfg in your current directory.
- The *output file* is the name that you can specify for the resulting binary file; ideally, use the name board.dat. If you want the output file to reside in a directory other than the current directory, you must supply the entire pathname. If you omit an output filename, the composer utility creates a file called board.dat and places it in the current directory.

To avoid confusion, use a .cfg extension for your text filenames and a .dat extension for your binary filenames. If you enter only one filename on the command line, the composer utility assumes that it is an input filename.

C.3 Step 3: Specifying the Configuration File When Invoking the Debugger

When you invoke a debugger (either from the PDM or at the system prompt), the debugger must be able to find the board.dat file so that it knows how you have set up your scan path. The debugger looks for the board.dat file in the current directory and in the directories named with the D_DIR environment variable.

If you used a name other than board.dat or if the board.dat file is not in the current directory or in a directory named with D_DIR, you must use the –f option when you invoke the debugger. The –f option allows you to specify a board configuration file (and pathname) to be used instead of board.dat. The format for this option is:

–f *filename*

Appendix D

Debugger Messages

This appendix contains an alphabetical listing of the progress and error messages that the debugger or PDM might display in the display area of the Command window or in the PDM display area. Each listing contains both a description of the situation that causes the message and an action to take if the message indicates a problem or error.

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D.1 Associating Sound With Error Messages

You can associate a beeping sound with the display of error messages. To do this, use the SOUND command. The format for this command is:

sound {**on** | **off**}

By default, no beep is associated with error messages (SOUND OFF). The beep is helpful if the Command window is hidden behind other windows.

If you are using the debugger with Windows 95 or Windows NT, you must be sure that you have sound enabled in the control panel.

D.2 Alphabetical Summary of Debugger Messages

‘]’ expected

Description This is an expression error—it means that the parameter contained an opening bracket symbol but did not contain a closing bracket symbol.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

‘)’ expected

Description This is an expression error—it means that the parameter contained an opening parenthesis symbol but did not contain a closing parenthesis symbol.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

A

Aborted by user

Description The debugger halted a long Command display listing because you pressed the ESC key.

Action None required; this is normal debugger behavior.

B

Breakpoint already exists at *address*

Description During single-step execution, the debugger attempted to set a breakpoint where one already existed. (This is not necessarily a breakpoint that you set—it may have been an internal breakpoint that the debugger set for single-stepping).

Action None should be required; you may want to reset the program entry point (Debug→Restart) and reenter the single-step command.

Breakpoint table full

Description 200 breakpoints are already set, and there was an attempt to set another. The maximum limit of 200 breakpoints includes internal breakpoints that the debugger may set for single-stepping. Under normal conditions, this should not be a problem; it is rarely necessary to set this many breakpoints.

Action Open the Breakpoint Control dialog box by selecting Breakpoints from the Configure menu. Delete individual software breakpoints.

C

Cannot allocate host memory

Description This is a fatal error—it means that the debugger is running out of memory.

Action You can invoke the debugger with the –v option so that fewer symbols may be loaded, or you can relink your program and link in fewer modules at a time.

Cannot allocate system memory

Description This is a fatal error—it means that the debugger is running out of memory.

Action You can invoke the debugger with the –v option so that fewer symbols may be loaded, or you can relink your program and link in fewer modules at a time.

Cannot detect target power

Description This hardware error occurs after the emurst command is reset. Follow the steps described below and then restart your emulator.

Action

- ❑ Check the emulator board to be sure it is installed snugly.
- ❑ Check the cable connecting your emulator and target system to be sure it is not loose.
- ❑ Check your target board to be sure it is getting the correct voltage.
- ❑ Check your emulator scan path to be sure it is uninterrupted.
- ❑ Ensure that your port address is set correctly:
  - ■ Check to be sure the –p option used with the D_OPTIONS environment variable matches the I/O address defined by your switch settings. (See page 2-5 for more information on the D_OPTIONS environment variable.)
  - ■ Check to see if you have a conflict in address space with another bus setting. If you have a conflict, change the switches on your board to one of the alternate settings listed in the installation guide. Modify the –p option of the D_OPTIONS environment variable to reflect the change in your switch settings.

Cannot edit field

Description Expressions that are displayed in the Watch window cannot be edited.

Action If you attempted to edit an expression in the Watch window, you may have actually wanted to change the value of a symbol or register used in the expression. Use the ? or EVAL command to edit the actual symbol or register. The expression value is automatically updated.

Cannot find/open initialization file

Description The debugger cannot find the init.cmd file.

Action Be sure that init.cmd is in the appropriate directory. If it is not, copy it from the debugger product diskette. If the file is already in the correct directory, verify that the D_DIR environment variable is set up to identify the directory. See the information about setting up the debugger environment information included with your installation instructions.

Cannot halt the processor

Description This is a fatal error—for some reason, pressing ESC did not halt program execution.

Action Exit the debugger. Invoke the autoexec.bat file, then invoke the debugger again.

Cannot initialize target system

Description This error occurs while you are invoking the debugger with the emulator. A variety of events may cause this error to occur.

Action

- ❑ Check the cable connecting the emulator to the target system to be sure it is not loose.
- ❑ Ensure that your port address is set correctly:
  - ■ Check to be sure the –p option used with the D_OPTIONS environment variable matches the I/O address defined by your switch settings.
  - ■ Check to see if you have a conflict in address space with another bus setting. If you have a conflict, change the switches on your board to one of the alternate settings listed in the installation guide. Modify the –p option of the D_OPTIONS environment variable to reflect the change in your switch settings.
- ❑ Check the end of your autoexec.bat or initdb.bat file for the emurst.exe command. Execute this command *after* powering up the target board. See section 2.5 on page 2-6.

For more information on setting up the D_OPTIONS environment variable, see page 2-5 .

Cannot map into reserved memory: ?

Description The debugger tried to access unconfigured/reserved/nonexistent memory.

Action Remap the reserved memory accesses.

Cannot open config file

Description The SCONFIG command cannot find the screen-customization file that you specified. The debugger also displays this message when you try to load a screen-customization file that was saved by an older version of the debugger.

Action

- ❏ Be sure that the filename was typed correctly. If it was not, reenter the command with the correct name. If it was, reenter the command and specify full path information with the filename.
- ❏ Be sure that the screen-customization file was saved using the current version of the debugger rather than an older version of the debugger.

Cannot open "*filename*"

Description The debugger attempted to show *filename* in the File window but could not find the file.

Action Be sure that the file exists as named. If it does, enter the USE command to identify the file's directory.

Cannot open new window

Description A maximum of 127 windows can be open at once. The last request to open a window would have made 128, which is not possible.

Action Close any unnecessary windows. Windows that can be closed include Watch, File, Calls, and Memory windows. To close any of these windows, make the desired window active and press CONTROL F4 .

Cannot open object file: "*filename*"

Description The file specified with the LOAD, SLOAD, or RELOAD command is not an object file that the debugger can load.

Action Be sure that you are loading an actual object file. Be sure that the file was linked. You may want to run cl500 (with the –z option) or lnk500 again to create an executable object file.

Cannot read processor status

Description This is a fatal error—for some reason, pressing ESC did not halt program execution.

Action Exit the debugger. Invoke the autoexec.bat file, then invoke the debugger again. If you are using the emulator, check the cable connections.

Cannot reset the processor

Description This is a fatal error—for some reason, pressing ESC did not halt program execution.

Action Exit the debugger. Invoke the autoexec.bat file, then invoke the debugger again. If you are using the emulator, check the cable connections.

Cannot restart processor

Description The debugger attempted to reset the PC to the program entry point, but the debugger could not find an entry point.

Action Either define an entry point in your program, or do not use Debug→Restart or RESTART when your program does not have an explicit entry point.

Cannot set/verify breakpoint at *address*

Description Either you attempted to set a breakpoint in read-only or protected memory, or there are hardware problems with the target system. This may also happen when you enable or disable on-chip memory while using breakpoints.

Action Check your memory map. If the address that you wanted to breakpoint was not in ROM, see section D.5, *Additional Instructions for Hardware Errors*, page D-24.

Cannot step

Description There is a problem with the target system.

Action See section D.5, *Additional Instructions for Hardware Errors*, page D-24.

Cannot take address of register

Description This is an expression error. C does not allow you to take the address of a register.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Command "*command*" not found

Description The debugger did not recognize the command that you typed.

Action Reenter the correct command. See Chapter 11, *Summary of Commands*.

Command timed out, emulator busy

Description There is a problem with the target system.

Action See section D.5, *Additional Instructions for Hardware Errors*, page D-24.

Conflicting map range

Description A block of memory specified with the Configure→Memory Maps menu option or the MA command overlaps an existing memory map entry. Blocks cannot overlap.

Action Use Configure→Memory Maps or the ML command to list the existing memory map; this helps you find the existing block that the new block would overlap. If the existing block is not necessary, delete it with the Memory Map Control dialog box or with the MD command. Use the Memory Map Control dialog box or the MA command to redefine the block of memory. If the existing block is necessary, use the Memory Map Control dialog box or the MA command to define a range that does not overlap the existing block.

Corrupt call stack

Description The debugger tried to update the Calls window and could not. This message is displayed in the following situations:

- ❑ A function was called that did not return.
- ❑ The program stack was overwritten in target memory.
- ❑ You are debugging code that has optimization enabled (for example, you did not use the –g compile option); if this is the case, ignore this message—code execution is not affected.

Action If your program called a function that did not return, then this is normal behavior (as long as you intended for the function not to return). Otherwise, you may be overwriting program memory.

E

Emulator I/O address is invalid

Description The debugger was invoked with the –p option, and an invalid *port address* was used.

Action For valid *port address* values, see page 2-12.

Error in expression

Description This is an expression error.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Execution error

Description There is a problem with the target system.

Action See section D.5, *Additional Instructions for Hardware Errors*, page D-24.

F

File does not exist

Description The port file could not be opened for reading.

Action Be sure that the file exists as named. If it does, enter the USE command to identify the file's directory.

File not found

Description The filename specified for the FILE command was not found in the current directory or any of the directories identified with D_SRC.

Action Be sure that the filename was typed correctly. If it was, reenter the FILE command and specify full path information with the filename.

File not found : "*filename*"

Description The filename specified for the LOAD, RELOAD, SLOAD, or TAKE command was not found in the current directory or any of the directories identified with D_SRC.

Action Be sure that the filename was typed correctly. If it was, reenter the command and specify full path information with the filename.

File too large (*filename*)

Description You attempted to load a file that exceeded the maximum loadable COFF file size.

Action Loading the file without the symbol table (SLOAD), or use cl500 (with the –z option) or lnk500 to relink the program with fewer modules.

Float not allowed

Description This is an expression error—a floating-point value was used incorrectly.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Function required

Description The parameter for the FUNC command must be the name of a function in the program that is loaded.

Action Reenter the FUNC command with a valid function name.

I

Illegal cast

Description This is an expression error—the expression parameter uses a cast that does not meet the C language rules for casts.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Illegal left hand side of assignment

Description This is an expression error—the left-hand side of an assignment expression does not meet C language assignment rules.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Illegal memory access

Description Your program tried to access unmapped memory.

Action Modify your source code. Alternatively, you can check and modify your memory map.

Illegal operand of &

Description This is an expression error—the expression attempts to take the address of an item that does not have an address.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Illegal pointer math

Description This is an expression error—some types of pointer math are not valid in C expressions.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Illegal pointer subtraction

Description This is an expression error—the expression attempts to use pointers in a way that is not valid.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Illegal structure reference

Description This is an expression error—either the item being referenced as a structure is not a structure, or you are attempting to reference a nonexistent portion of a structure.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Illegal use of structures

Description This is an expression error—the expression parameter is not using structures according to the C language rules.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Illegal use of void expression

Description This is an expression error—the expression parameter does not meet the C language rules.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Integer not allowed

Description This is an expression error—the command does not accept an integer as a parameter.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Invalid address
––– Memory access outside valid range: *address*

Description The debugger attempted to access memory at *address*, which is outside the memory map.

Action Check your memory map to be sure that you access valid memory.

Invalid argument

Description One of the command parameters does not meet the requirements for the command.

Action Reenter the command with valid parameters. Refer to the appropriate command description in Chapter 11, *Summary of Commands*.

Invalid memory attribute

Description The third parameter of the MA command specifies the type, or attribute, of the block of memory that is added to the memory map. The parameter entered did not match one of the valid attributes.

Action Reenter the MA command. Use one of the following valid parameters to identify the memory type:

R, ROM	Read-only memory
W, WOM	Write-only memory
R|W, RAM	Read/write memory
RAM|EX, R|W|EX	Read/write external memory
P|R	Read-only peripheral frame
P|R|W	Read/write peripheral frame

Invalid object file

Description Either the file specified with File→Load→Load Program, File→Load→Reload Program, File→Load→Program Symbols, the LOAD, the SLOAD, or the RELOAD command is not an object file that the debugger can load, or it has been corrupted.

Action Be sure that you are loading an actual object file. Be sure that the file was linked. You may want to run cl500 (with the –z option) or lnk500 again to create an executable object file. If the file you attempted to load was a valid executable object file, then it was probably corrupted; recompile, assemble, and link with cl500.

Invalid watch delete

Description The debugger cannot delete the parameter supplied with the WD command.

Action Reenter the WD command. Be sure to specify the symbol name that matches the item you want to delete.

Invalid window position

Description The debugger cannot move the window to the XY position specified with the MOVE command. Either the XY parameters are not within the screen limits, or the active window may be too large to move to the desired position.

Action Reenter the MOVE command. Enter the X and Y parameters in pixels.

Invalid window size

Description The width and length specified with the SIZE or MOVE command may be too large or too small. If valid width and length were specified, then the active window is already at the far right or bottom of the screen and so cannot be made larger.

Action Reenter the SIZE command. Enter the width and length in pixels.

L

Load aborted

Description This message always follows another message.

Action Refer to the message that preceded *Load aborted*.

Lost power (or cable disconnected)

Description Either the target cable is disconnected, or the target system is faulty.

Action Check the target cable connections. If the target seems to be connected correctly, see section D.5, *Additional Instructions for Hardware Errors*, page D-24.

Lost processor clock

Description Either the target cable is disconnected, or the target system is faulty.

Action Check the target cable connections. If the target seems to be connected correctly, see section D.5, *Additional Instructions for Hardware Errors*, page D-24.

Lval required

Description This is an expression error—an assignment expression was entered that requires a legal left-hand side.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

M

Memory access error at *address*

Description Either the processor is receiving a bus fault, or there are problems with target system memory.

Action See section D.5, *Additional Instructions for Hardware Errors*, page D-24.

Memory map table full

Description Too many blocks have been added to the memory map. This rarely happens unless blocks are added word by word (which is inadvisable).

Action Stop adding blocks to the memory map. Consolidate any adjacent blocks that have the same memory attributes.

N

Name "*name*" not found

Description The command cannot find the object named *name*.

Action If *name* is a symbol, be sure that it was typed correctly. If it was not, reenter the command with the correct name. If it was, then be sure that the associated object file is loaded.

P

Pointer not allowed

Description This is an expression error.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Processor is already running

Description One of the RUN commands was entered while the debugger was running free from the target system.

Action Enter the HALT command to stop the free run, then reenter the desired RUN command.

R

Register access error

Description Either the processor is receiving a bus fault, or there are problems with target-system memory.

Action See section D.5, *Additional Instructions for Hardware Errors*, page D-24.

S

Specified map not found

Description The MD command was entered with an address or block that is not in the memory map.

Action Use the ML command to verify the current memory map. When using MD, you can specify only the first address of a defined block.

Structure member name required

Description This is an expression error—a symbol name is followed by a period but no member name.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Structure member not found

Description This is an expression error—an expression references a non-existent structure member.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

Structure not allowed

Description This is an expression error—the expression is attempting an operation that cannot be performed on a structure.

Action See section D.4, *Additional Instructions for Expression Errors*, page D-24.

T

Take file stack too deep

Description Batch files can be nested up to ten levels deep. The batch file that you tried to execute with File→Execute Take File or the TAKE command calls batch files that are nested more than ten levels deep.

Action Edit the batch file that caused the error. Instead of calling another batch file from within the offending file, you can copy the contents of the second file into the first. This will removes a level of nesting.

Too many breakpoints

Description 200 breakpoints are already set, and there was an attempt to set another. The maximum limit of 200 breakpoints includes internal breakpoints that the debugger may set for single-stepping. Under normal conditions, this should not be a problem; it is rarely necessary to set this many breakpoints.

Action Open the Breakpoint Control dialog box by selecting Breakpoints from the Configure menu. Delete individual software breakpoints.

Too many paths

Description More than 20 paths have been specified cumulatively with the USE command, D_SRC environment variable, and –i debugger option.

Action Do not enter the USE command before entering another command that has a *filename* parameter. Instead, enter the second command and specify full path information for the *filename*.

U

Undeclared port address

Description You attempted to do a connect/disconnect on an address that is not declared as a port.

Action Verify the address of the port to be connected or disconnected.

User halt

Description The debugger halted program execution because you clicked the Halt icon on the toolbar, you selected Halt! from the Debug menu, or you pressed the ESC key.

Action None required; this is normal debugger behavior.

W

Window not found

Description The parameter supplied for the WIN command is not a valid window name.

Action Reenter the WIN command. Here are the valid window names; the bold letters show the smallest acceptable abbreviations:

Calls	**CP**U	**Co**mmand
Disassembly	**M**emory	**P**rofile
Watch		

Write not allowed for port

Description You attempted to connect a file for output operation to an address that is not configured for write.

Action Either change the software to write a port that is configured for write, or change the attributes of the port.

D.3 Alphabetical Summary of PDM Messages

This section contains an alphabetical listing of the error messages that the PDM might display. Each message contains both a description of the situation that causes the message and an action to take.

Note:

If errors are detected in a TAKE file, the PDM aborts the batch file execution, and the file line number of the invalid command is displayed along with the error message.

C

Cannot communicate with *"name"*

Description The PDM cannot communicate with the named debugger, because the debugger either crashed or was exited.

Action Spawn the debugger again.

Cannot communicate with the child debugger

Description This error occurs when you are spawning a debugger. The PDM was able to find the debugger executable file, but the debugger could not be invoked for some reason, and the communication between the debugger and PDM was never established. This usually occurs when you have a problem with your target system.

Action Exit the PDM and go back though the installation instructions in the installation guide. Reinvoke the PDM and try to spawn the debugger again.

Cannot create mailbox

Description The PDM was unable to create a mailbox for the new debugger that you were trying to spawn; the PDM must be able to create a mailbox in order to communicate with each debugger. This message usually indicates a resource limitation (you have more debuggers invoked than your system can handle).

Action If you have numerous debuggers invoked and you are not using all of them, close some of them. If you are under a UNIX environment, use the ipcs command to check your message queues; use ipcrm to clean up the message queues.

Cannot open log file

Description The PDM cannot find the filename that you supplied when you entered the DLOG command.

Action Be sure that the file resides in the current directory or in one of the directories specified by the D_DIR environment variable.

- ❏ Check to see if you mistyped the filename.
- ❏ Be sure that the file has readable rights.

Cannot open take file

Description The PDM cannot find the batch filename supplied for the TAKE command. You will also see this message if you try to execute a batch file that does not have a .pdm extension.

Action Be sure that the file resides in the current directory or in one of the directories specified by the D_DIR environment variable.

- ❏ Check to see whether you mistyped the filename.
- ❏ Be sure that the batch filename has a .pdm extension.
- ❏ Be sure that the file has executable rights.

Cannot open temporary file

Description The PDM is unable create a temporary file in the current directory.

Action Change the permissions of the current directory.

Cannot seek in file

Description While the PDM was reading a file, the file was deleted or modified.

Action Be sure that the files the PDM reads are not deleted or modified during the read.

Cannot spawn child debugger

Description The PDM could not spawn the debugger that you specified, because the PDM could not find the debugger executable file (emu54x). The PDM will first search for the file in the current directory and then search the directories listed with the PATH statement.

Action Check to see if the executable file is in the current directory or in a directory that is specified by the PATH statement. Modify the PATH statement if necessary, or change the current directory.

Command error

Description The syntax for the command that you entered was invalid (for example, you used the wrong options or arguments).

Action Reenter the command with valid parameters.

D

Debugger spawn limit reached

Description The PDM spawned the maximum number of debuggers that it can keep track of in its internal tables. The maximum number of debuggers that the PDM can track is 2048. However, your system may not have enough resources to support that many debuggers.

Action Before trying to spawn an additional debugger, close any debuggers that you do not need to run.

I

Illegal flow control

Description One of the flow control commands (IF/ELIF/ELSE/ENDIF or LOOP/BREAK/CONTINUE/ENDLOOP) has an error. This error usually occurs when there is some type of imbalance in one of these commands.

Action Check the flow command construct for such problems as an IF without an ENDIF, a LOOP without an ENDLOOP, or a BREAK that does not appear between a LOOP and an ENDLOOP. Edit the batch file that contains the problem flow command, or interactively reenter the correct command.

Input buffer overflow

Description The PDM is trying to execute or manipulate an alias or shell variable that has been recursively defined.

Action Use the SET and/or ALIAS commands to check the definitions of your aliases and system variables. Modify them as necessary.

Invalid command

Description The command that you entered was not valid.

Action Refer to the command summary in Chapter 11, *Summary of Commands and Special Keys,* for a complete list of commands and their syntax.

Invalid expression

Description The expression that you used with a flow control command or the @ command is invalid. You may see specific messages before this one that provide more information about the problem with the expression. The most common problem is the failure to use the $ character when evaluating the contents of a system variable.

Action Check the expression that you used. Refer to section 10.7, *Understanding the PDM's Expression Analysis*, page 10-17, for more information about expression analysis.

Invalid shell variable name

Description The system variable name that you used the SET command to assign is invalid. Variable names can contain any alphanumeric characters or underscore characters.

Action Use a different name.

M

Maximum loop depth exceeded

Description The LOOP/ENDLOOP command that you tried to execute had more than 10 nested LOOP/ENDLOOP constructs. LOOP/ENDLOOP constructs can be nested up to 10 deep.

Action Edit the batch file that contains the LOOP/ENDLOOP construct, or reenter the LOOP/ENDLOOP command interactively.

Maximum take file depth exceeded

Description The batch file that you tried to execute with the TAKE command called or nested more than 10 other batch files. The TAKE command can handle batch files that are nested up to 10 deep.

Action Edit the batch file.

U

Unknown processor name *“name”*

Description The processor name that you specified with the –g option or a processor name within a group that you specified with the –g option does not match any of the names of the debuggers that were spawned under the PDM.

Action Be sure that you have correctly entered the processor name.

D.4 Additional Instructions for Expression Errors

Whenever you receive an expression error, you should reenter the command and edit the expression so that it follows the C language expression rules. If necessary, refer to a C language manual such as *The C Programming Language*, by Brian W. Kernighan and Dennis M. Ritchie.

D.5 Additional Instructions for Hardware Errors

If you continue to receive the messages that send you to this section, this indicates persistent hardware problems.

- ❏ If a bus fault occurs, the emulator may not be able to access memory.
- ❏ The ’C54x must be reset before you can use the emulator. Most target systems reset the ’C54x at power-up; your target system may not be doing this.

Appendix E

Glossary

A

active window: The window that is currently selected for moving, sizing, editing, closing, or some other function.

aggregate type: A C data type, such as a structure or array, in which a variable is composed of multiple variables, called members.

aliasing: A method of customizing debugger commands; aliasing provides a shorthand method for entering often-used command strings.

ANSI C: A version of the C programming language that conforms to the C standards defined by the *American National Standards Institute.*

assembly mode: A debugging mode that shows assembly language code in the Disassembly window and does not show the File window, no matter what type of code is currently running.

autoexec.bat: A batch file that contains DOS commands for initializing your PC.

auto mode: A context-sensitive debugging mode that automatically switches between showing assembly language code in the Disassembly window and C code in the File window, depending on what type of code is currently running.

B

batch file: One of two types of files. The first type contains DOS commands for the PC to execute. The second type of batch file contains debugger commands for the debugger to execute. The PC does not execute debugger batch files, and the debugger does not execute PC batch files.

benchmarking: A type of program execution that allows you to track the number of CPU cycles consumed by a specific section of code.

big endian: An addressing protocol in which bytes are numbered from left to right within a word. More significant bytes in a word have lower numbered addresses. Endian ordering is hardware-specific and is determined at reset. See also *little endian*

breakpoint: A point within your program where execution will halt because of a previous request from you.

C

Calls window: A window that lists the functions called by your program.

casting: A feature of C expressions that allows you to use one type of data as if it were a different type of data.

cl500: A shell utility that invokes the 'C54x compiler, assembler, and linker to create an executable object file version of your program.

click: To press and release a mouse button without moving the mouse.

code-display windows: Windows that show code, text files, or code-specific information. This category includes the Disassembly, File, and Calls windows.

command line: The portion of the Command window where you can enter commands.

Command window: A window that provides an area for you to enter commands and for the debugger to echo command entry, show command output, and list progress or error messages.

common object file format (COFF): A binary object file format that promotes modular programming by supporting the concept of *sections*. All COFF sections are independently relocatable in memory space; you can place any section into any allocated block of target memory.

CPU window: A window that displays the contents of 'C54x on-chip registers, including the program counter, status register, A-file registers, and B-file registers.

cursor: An icon on the screen (such as an arrow or a horizontal line) that is used as a pointing device. The cursor is usually under mouse or keyboard control.

D

D_DIR: An environment variable that identifies the directory containing the commands and files necessary for running the debugger.

D_OPTIONS: An environment variable that you can use for identifying often-used debugger options.

D_SRC: An environment variable that identifies directories containing program source files.

data-display windows: Windows for observing and modifying various types of data. This category includes the Memory, CPU, and Watch windows.

debugger: A window-oriented software interface that helps you to debug ’C54x programs running on a ’C54x emulator or simulator.

disassembly: Assembly language code formed from the reverse-assembly of the contents of memory.

Disassembly window: A window that displays the disassembly (reverse assembly) of memory contents.

display area: The portion of the Command window or PDM window where the debugger/PDM echoes command entry, shows command output, and lists progress or error messages.

dock (a window): To anchor a floating window to an outer edge of the debugger application window. A docked window has no title bar and cannot be moved. However, a docked window can be resized.

drag: To move an object on the debugger display by pressing one of the mouse buttons and moving the mouse.

E

EISA: *Extended Industry Standard Architecture.* A standard for PC buses.

emulator: A debugging tool that is external to the target system and provides direct control over the ’C54x processor that is on the target system.

emurst: A utility that resets the emulator.

environment variable: A special system symbol that the debugger uses for finding directories or obtaining debugger options.

F

File window: A window that displays the contents of the current C code. The File window is intended primarily for displaying C code but can be used to display any text file.

float (a window): To cause a debugger window to sit on top of the debugger application window outside the edges of the debugger application window. A floating window always appears active.

I

init.cmd: A batch file that contains debugger-initialization commands. If this file is not present when you first invoke the debugger, then all memory is invalid.

I/O switches: Hardware switches on the emulator that identify the PC I/O memory space used for emulator-debugger or EVM-debugger communications.

ISA: *Industry Standard Architecture*. A subset of the EISA (Extended Industry Standard Architecture) standard.

L

little endian: An addressing protocol in which bytes are numbered from right to left within a word. More significant bytes in a word have higher numbered addresses. Endian ordering is hardware-specific and is determined at reset. See also *big endian*

M

memory map: A map of memory space that tells the debugger which areas of memory can and cannot be accessed.

Memory window: A window that displays the contents of memory.

menu bar: A row of pulldown menu selections found at the top of the debugger display.

mixed mode: A debugging mode that simultaneously shows both assembly language code in the Disassembly window and C code in the File window.

O

open-collector output: An output circuit that actively drives both high and low logic levels.

P

PC: Personal computer or program counter, depending on the context and where it is used in this book: 1) In installation instructions or information relating to hardware and boards, *PC* means *personal computer*. 2) In general debugger and program-related information, *PC* means *program counter*, which is the register that identifies the current statement in your program.

PDM: *Parallel Debug Manager.* A program used for creating and controlling multiple debuggers for the purpose of debugging code in a parallel-processing environment.

point: To move the mouse cursor until it overlays the desired object on the screen.

port address: The PC I/O memory space that the debugger uses for communicating with the emulator. The port address is selected via switches on the emulator board and communicated to the debugger with the –p debugger option.

pulldown menu: A command menu that is accessed by name or with the mouse from the menu bar at the top of the debugger display.

R

ripple-carry output signal: An output signal from a counter indicating that the counter has reached its maximum value.

S

scalar type: A C type in which the variable is a single variable, not composed of other variables.

scroll bar: A bar on the right side or bottom of a window that allows you to adjust the contents of the window to display hidden information.

scroll bar handle: The rectangular box in the center of the right scroll bar in the Disassembly or Memory window that marks the center of disassembled code or memory contents.

scrolling: A method of moving the contents of a window up, down, left, or right to view contents that were not originally shown.

section: A relocatable block of code or data that ultimately occupies contiguous space in the memory map.

side effects: A feature of C expressions in which using an assignment operator in an expression affects the value of one of the components used in the expression.

simulator: A development tool that simulates the operation of the 'C54x and lets you execute and debug applications programs by using the C source debugger.

single-step: A form of program execution that allows you to see the effects of each statement. The program is executed statement by statement; the debugger pauses after each statement to update the data-display windows.

status bar: An area at the bottom of the debugger application window that displays context-sensitive help and the status of the processor.

symbol table: A file that contains the names of all variables and functions in your program.

T

target system: A 'C54x board that works with the emulator; the emulator does not contain a 'C54x device, so it must use a 'C54x target board. Usually, the target system is a board that you have designed; you use the emulator and debugger to help you debug your design.

totem-pole output: An output circuit that actively drives both high and low logic levels.

W

Watch window: A window that displays the values of selected expressions, symbols, addresses, and registers.

window: A defined rectangular area of space on the display.

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